

Chemical Product Emissions Emerging as Important Urban Source of Volatile Organic Compounds



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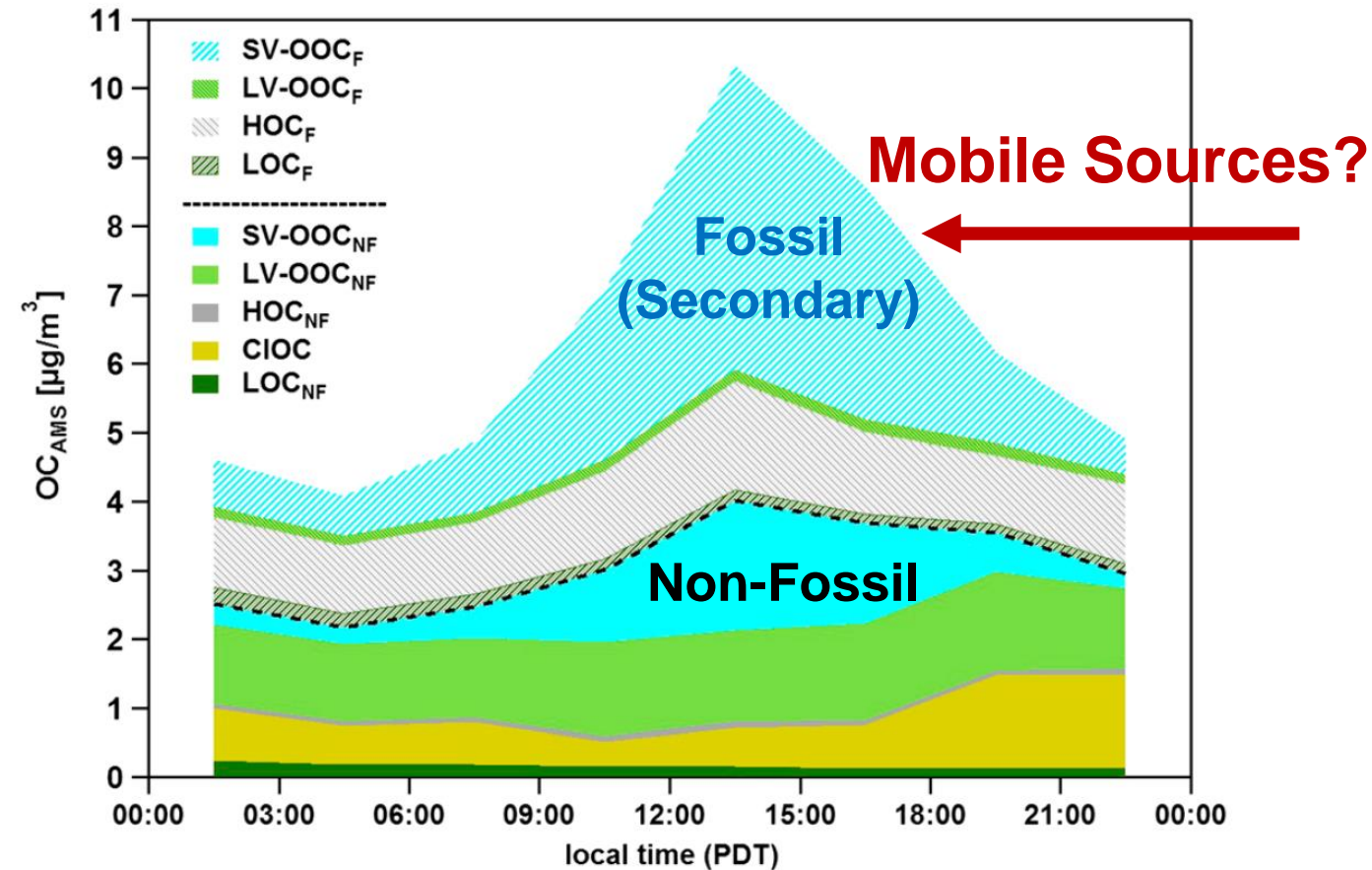


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Which Source Dominates Fossil SOA Formation?

Los Angeles 2010 (Pasadena)



^{14}C analysis of carbonaceous aerosol
from Zotter et al. (*J. Geophys. Res.* 2014)

Bahreini et al. (GRL 2012)

- **Gasoline** emissions dominate in LA

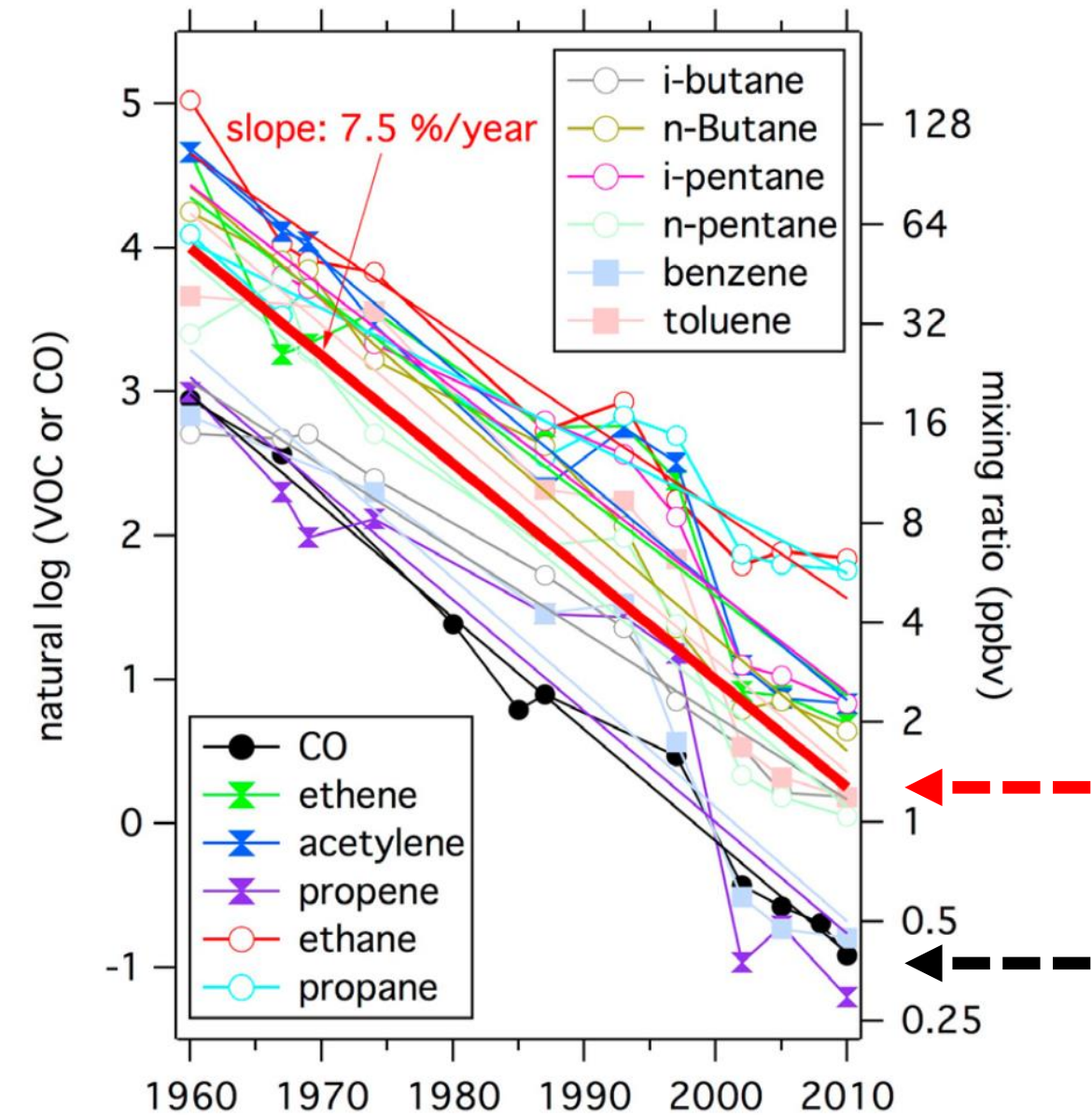
Gentner et al. (PNAS 2012)

- **Diesel** emissions dominate in LA

Ensberg et al. (ACP 2014)

- **Other sources** dominate, or
- **SOA yields** of vehicle emissions substantially underestimated

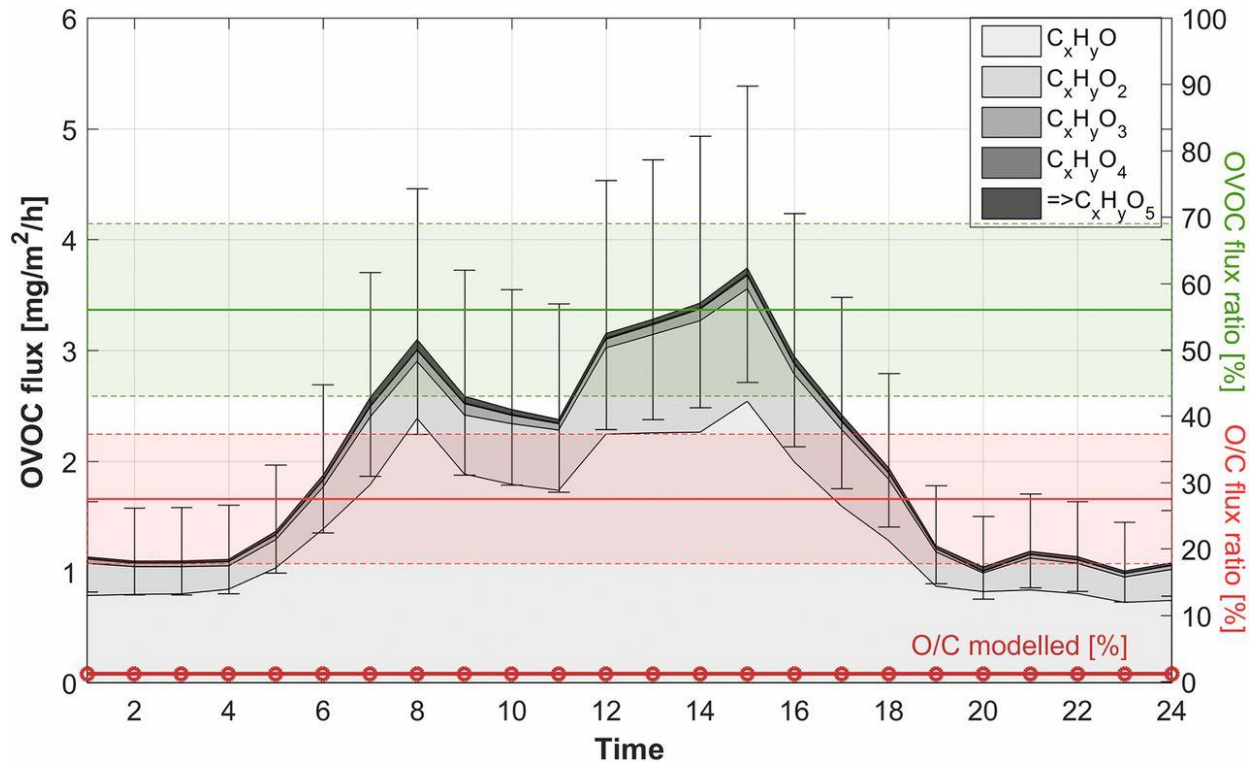
Long-Term Trend in Ambient VOCs (Los Angeles)



Two Recent U.S. and European Studies on “Other” Sources

Urban flux measurements reveal a large pool of oxygenated volatile organic compound emissions

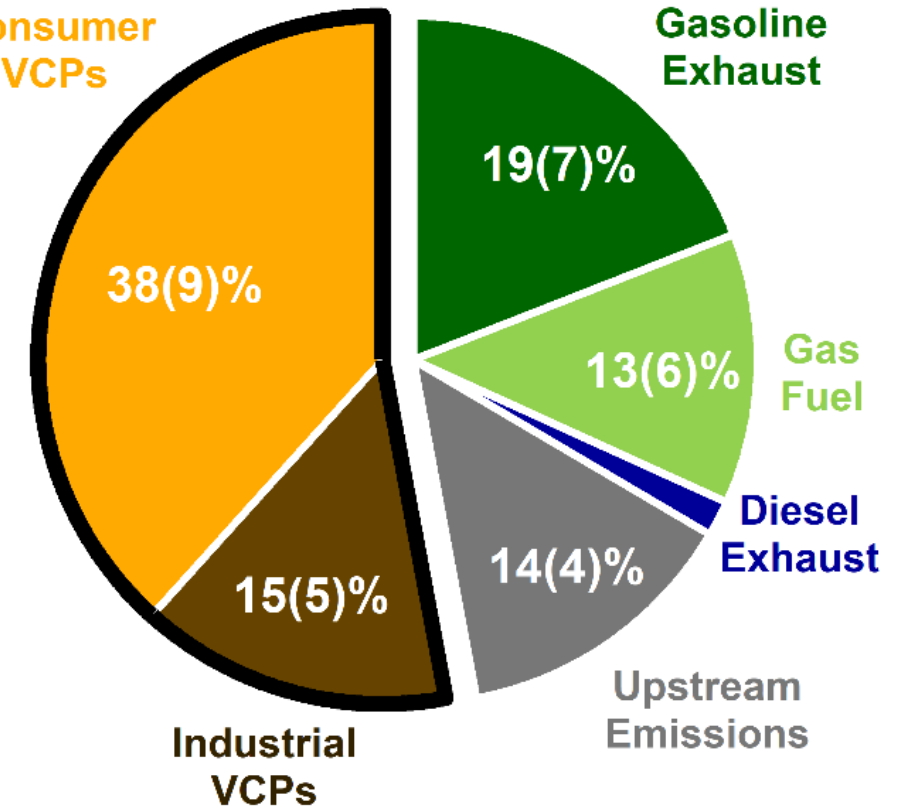
T. Karl^{a,1}, M. Striednig^a, M. Graus^a, A. Hammerle^b, and G. Wohlfahrt^b



~50% of VOC emissions in Innsbruck, Austria emitted as oxygenated compounds, including emissions from solvents

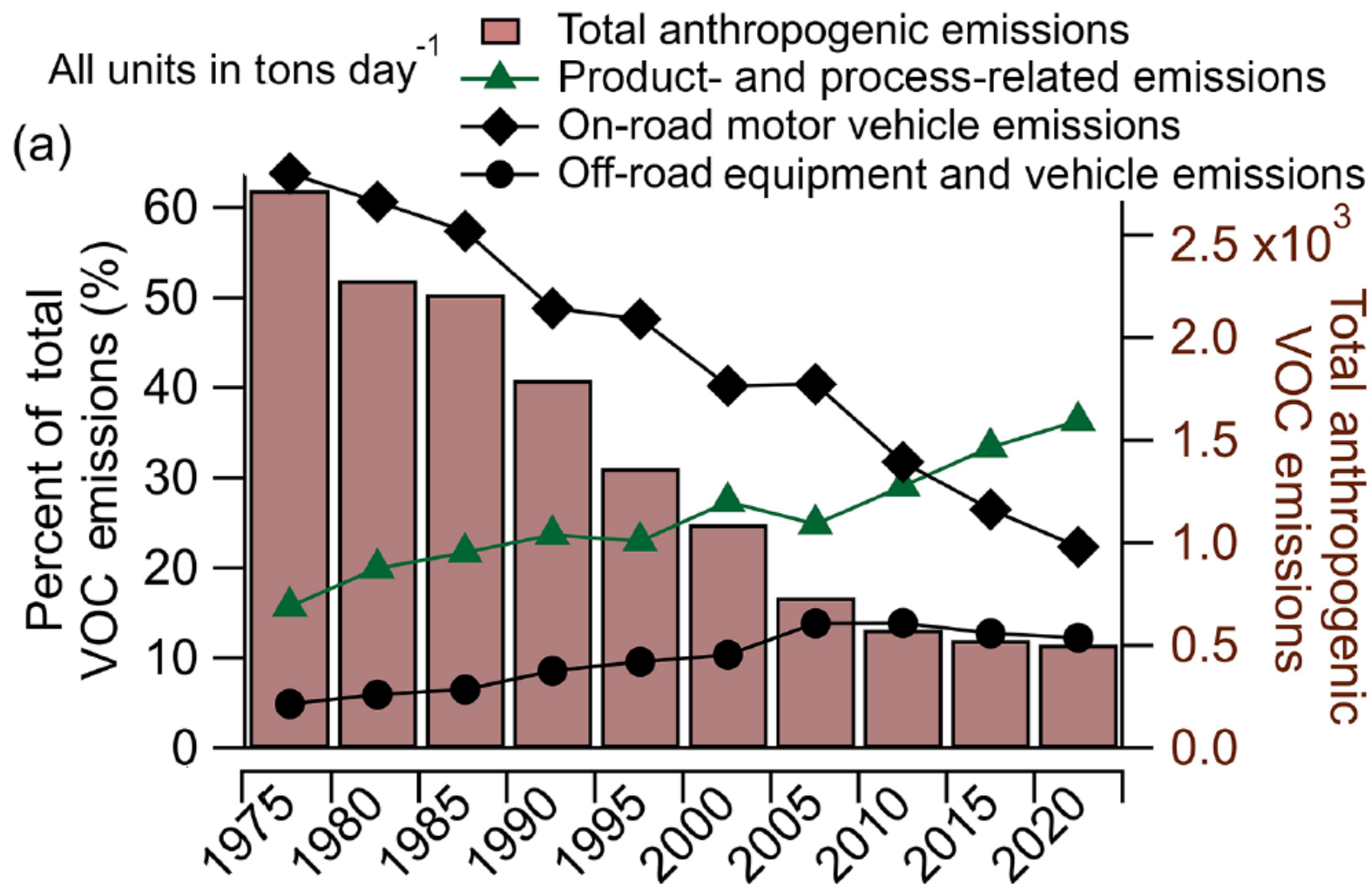
Volatile chemical products emerging as largest petrochemical source of urban organic emissions

Consumer VCPs



VOC Emissions = 350 ± 50 Gg

VOCs also Transitioning in CARB Inventories (Mobile Sources → VCPs)



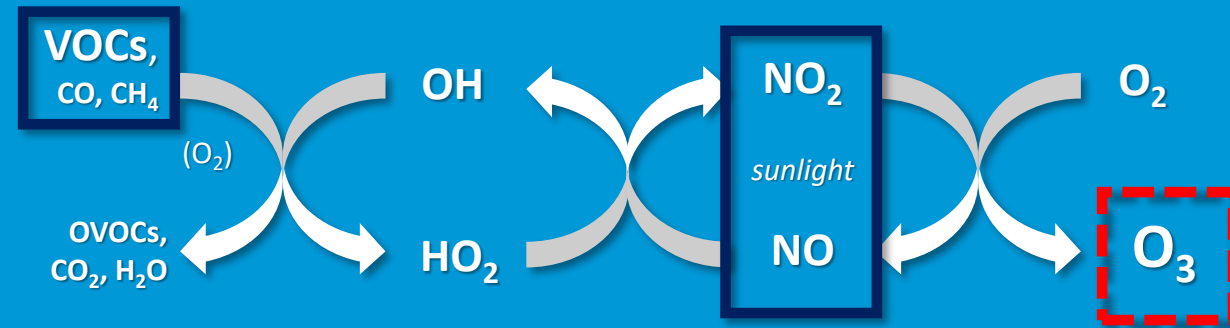
Similar trends for
SOA and **Ozone**
formation potential

Khare et al., "Considering the future of anthropogenic gas-phase organic compound emissions and the increasing influence of non-combustion sources of urban air quality", *Atmos. Chem. Phys.* 2018.

Natural and Human Emissions Impact Atmospheric Chemistry

Atmospheric
chemistry

Ingredients and reactions needed to make ozone (O_3):




Secondary
Organic Aerosol

Natural processes

Human activities

Primary emission
sources



Figure provided by Jessica Gilman (NOAA).

Research Objectives

(1) Identify chemical tracers for detecting VCP emissions in ambient air

- Establishing D5-siloxane as a tracer of personal care product emissions

(2) Quantify VCP emissions in another US megacity: New York City

- Field measurements of VOCs made in winter/summer of 2018
- Are VCPs a larger fraction of anthropogenic VOCs in denser cities?

D5-Siloxane an Atmospheric Tracer for Personal Care Products

Example antiperspirant/deodorant

ACTIVE INGREDIENTS

Aluminum zirconium octachlorohydrate Gly 16% (anhydrous)

INACTIVE INGREDIENTS

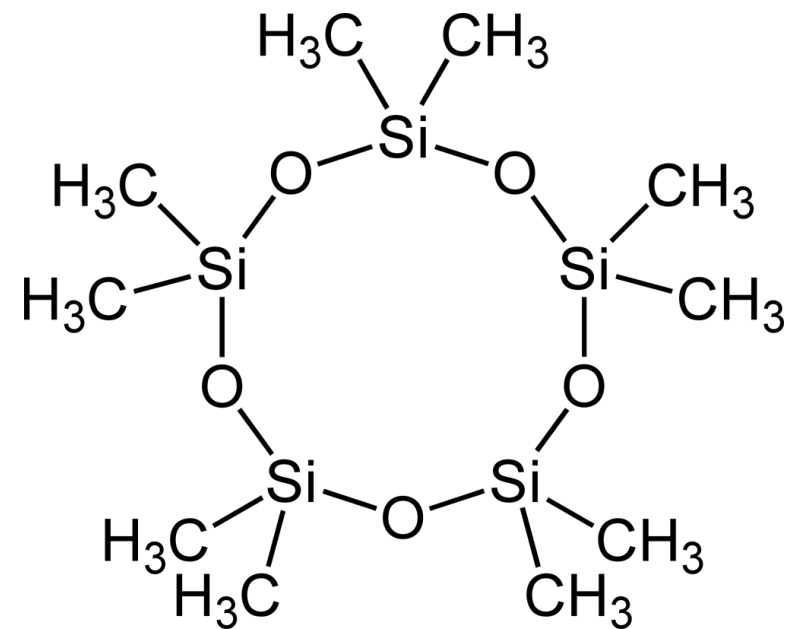
Water, alcohol denat., **cyclopentasiloxane**, propylene glycol, dimethicone, calcium chloride, PEG/PPG-18/18 dimethicone, fragrance



**Antiperspirants
~70%**

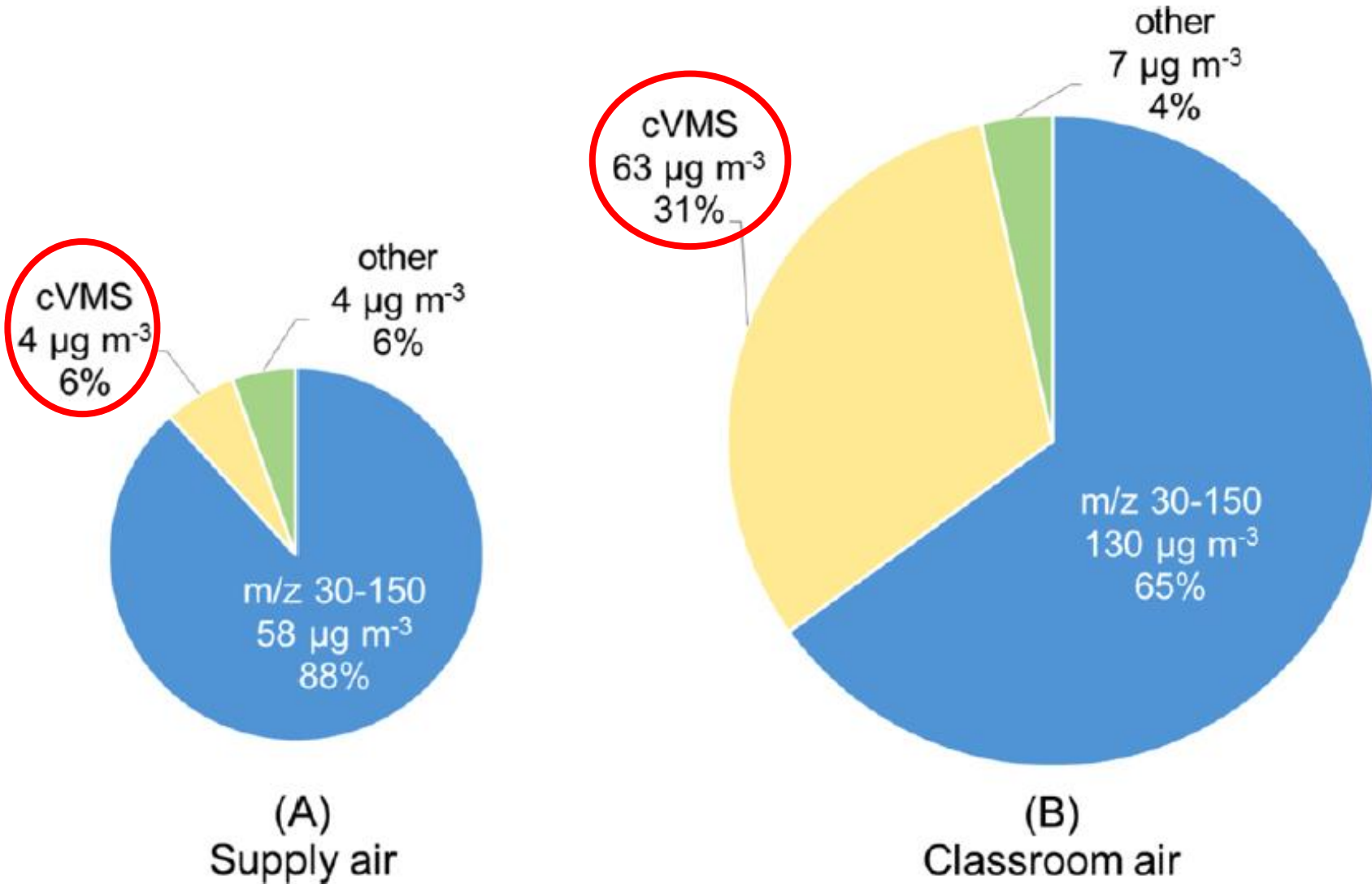


**Hair care
~20%**



**Cyclopentasiloxane
(D5-siloxane)**

Siloxane Concentrations Enhanced in Indoor Air (mostly D5)

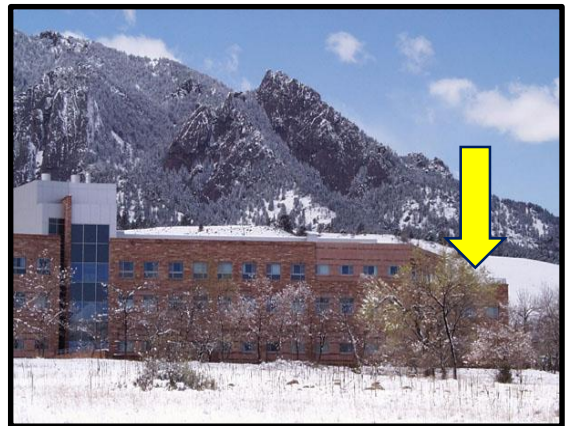


Siloxanes were most abundant VOC found in engineering classroom

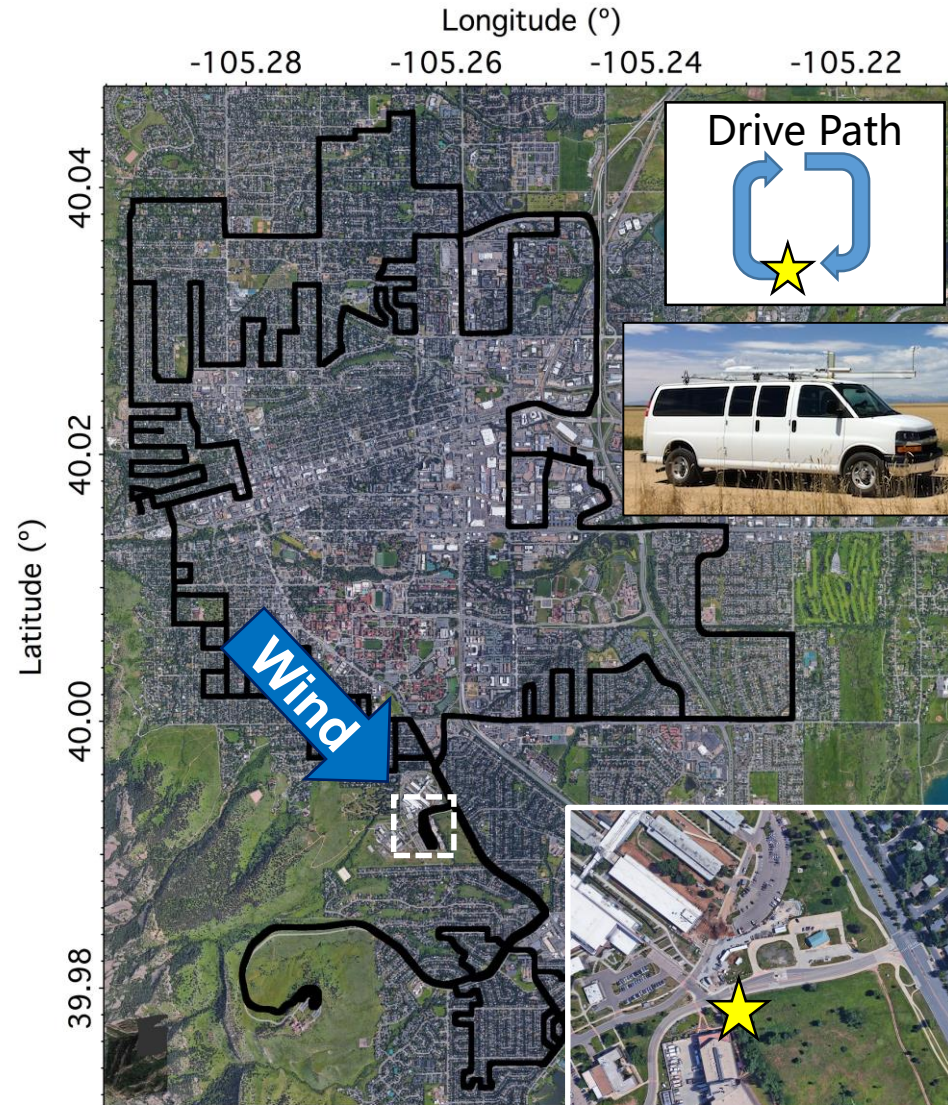
100 – 700 mg/person/d

Investigating D5-Siloxane in Boulder, CO

Ambient Sampling



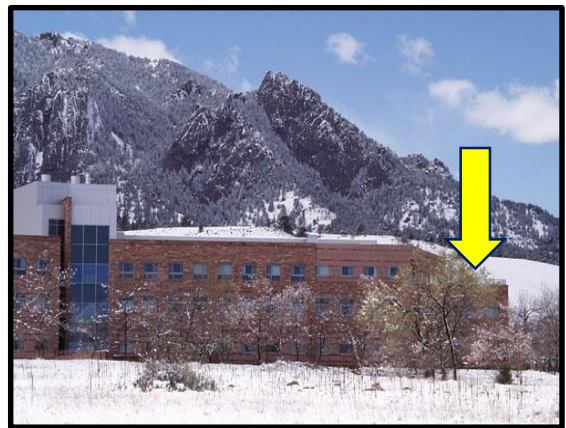
Mobile Sampling



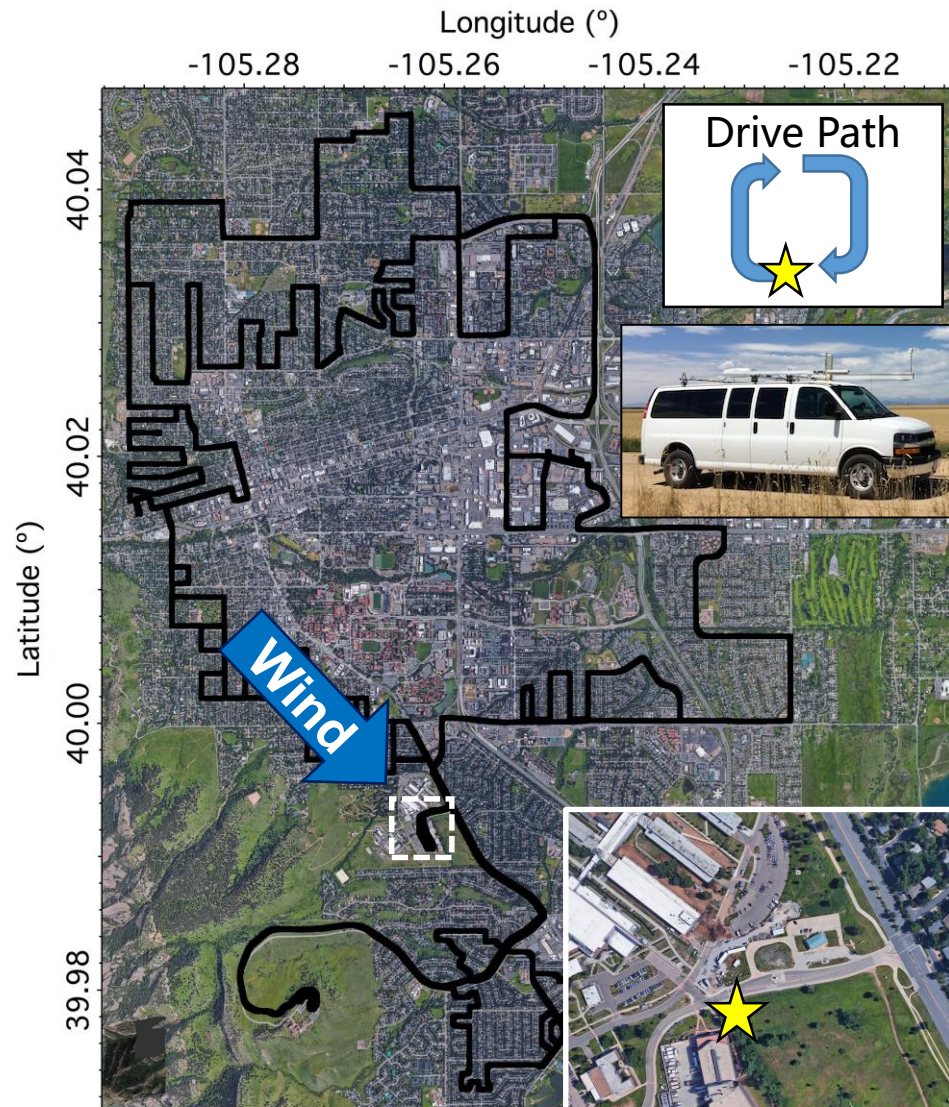
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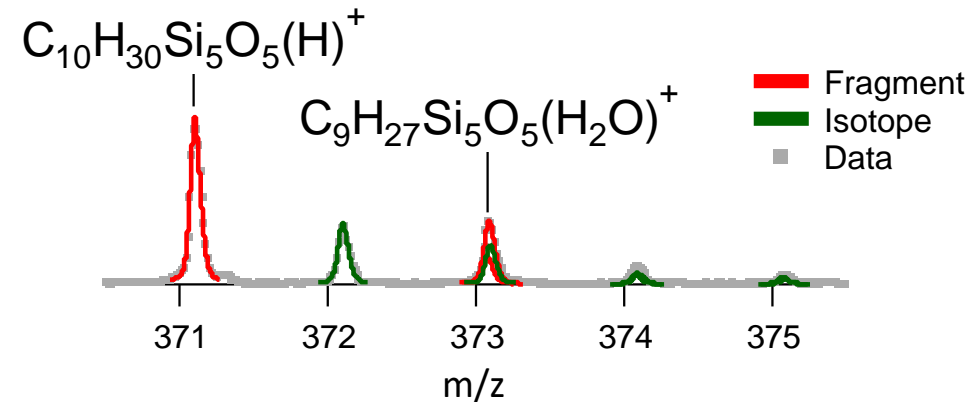
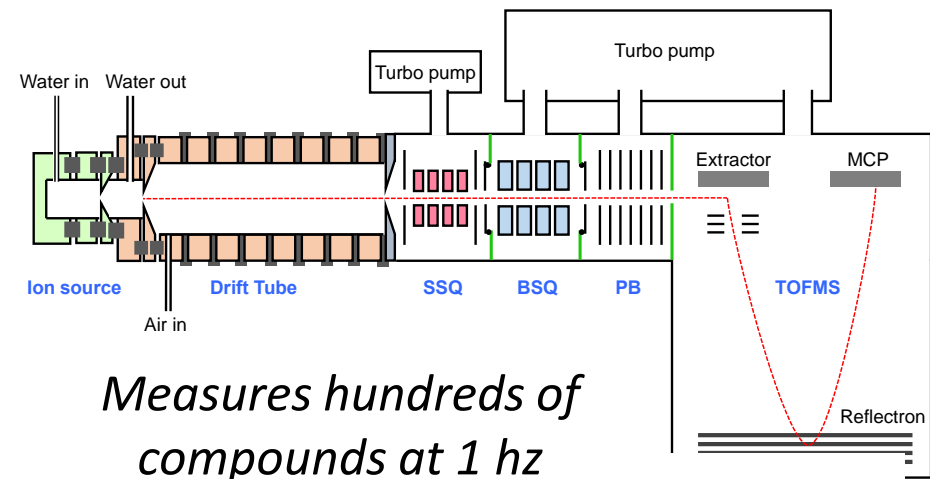
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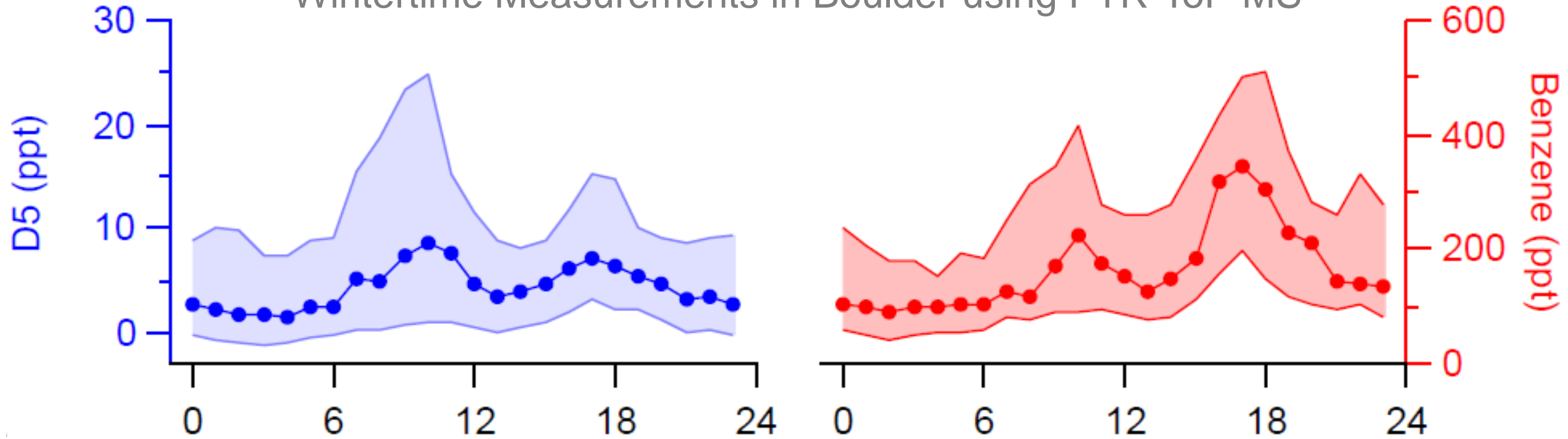
PTR-ToF-MS



High sensitivity to D5 siloxane

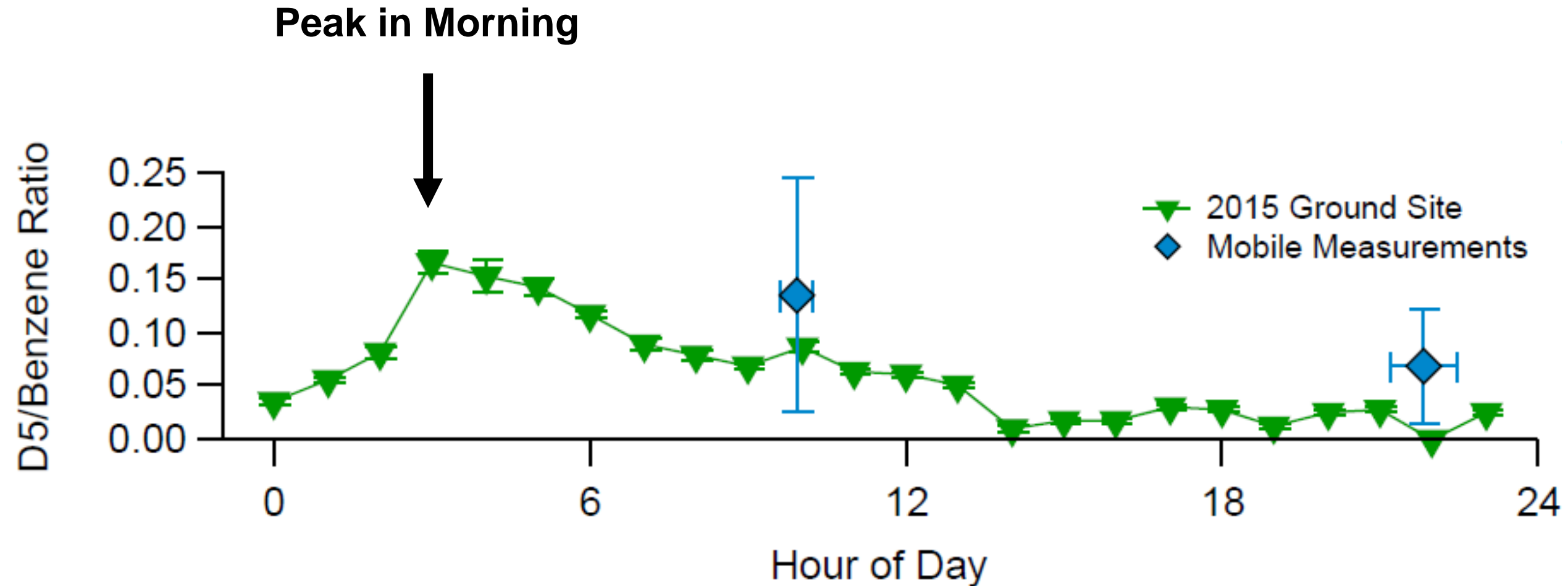
Diurnal Pattern of D5-Siloxane and Benzene

Wintertime Measurements in Boulder using PTR-ToF-MS

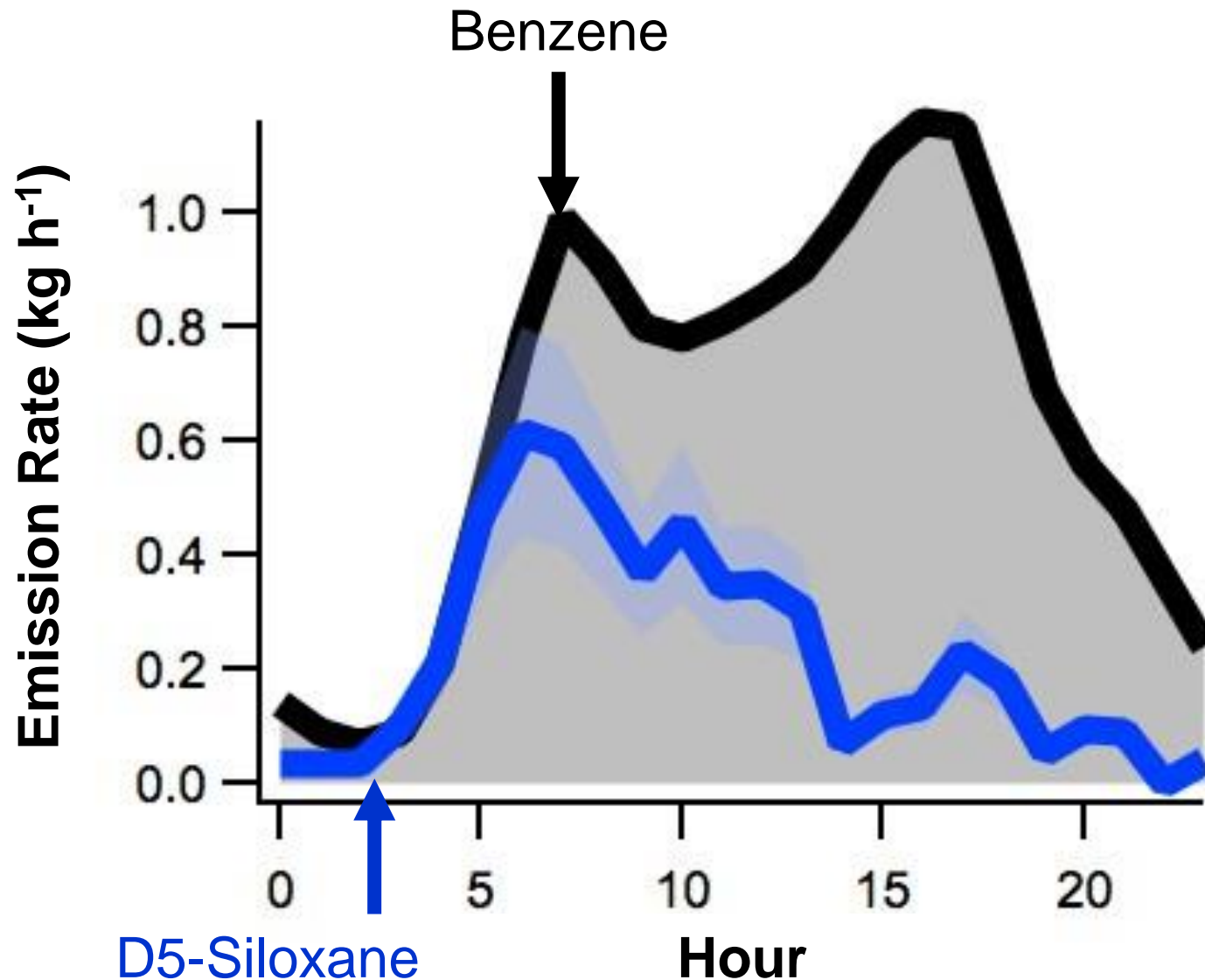


General structure in diurnal pattern similar,
except D5-siloxane peak not as strong as benzene in evening.

D5-Siloxane/Benzene Ratio Variable Throughout Day



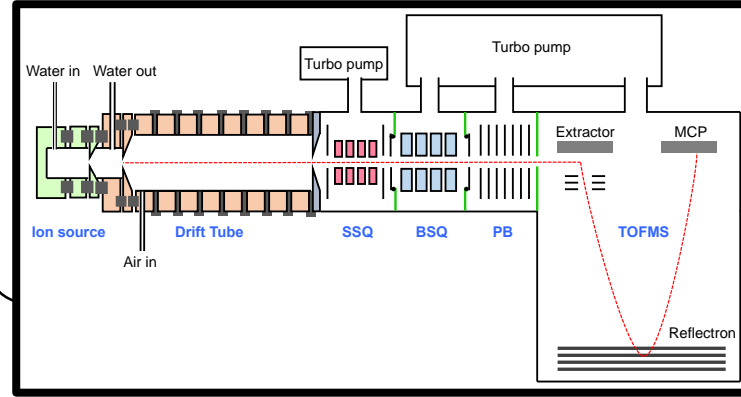
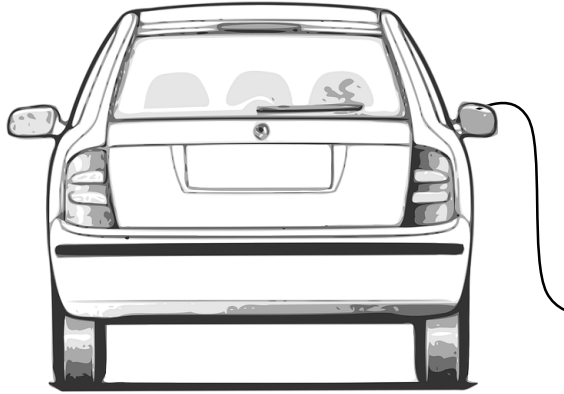
Estimated Diurnal Emissions Rate of D5-Siloxane



Benzene mostly from gasoline vehicles (morning & evening peaks)

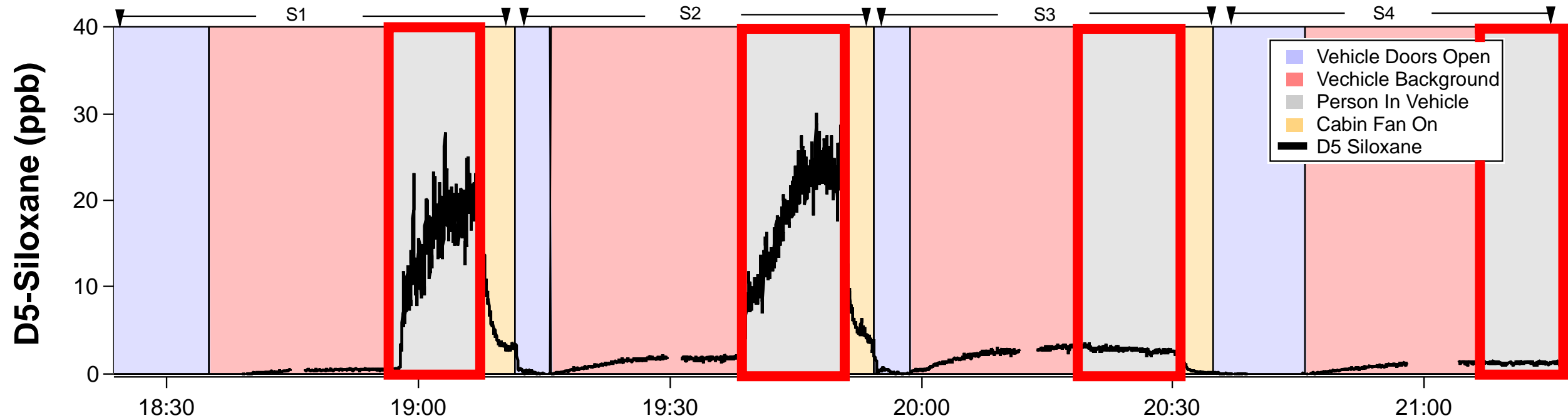
D5-Siloxane from personal care products (morning peak only)

D5-Siloxane Emitted by People in Cars?

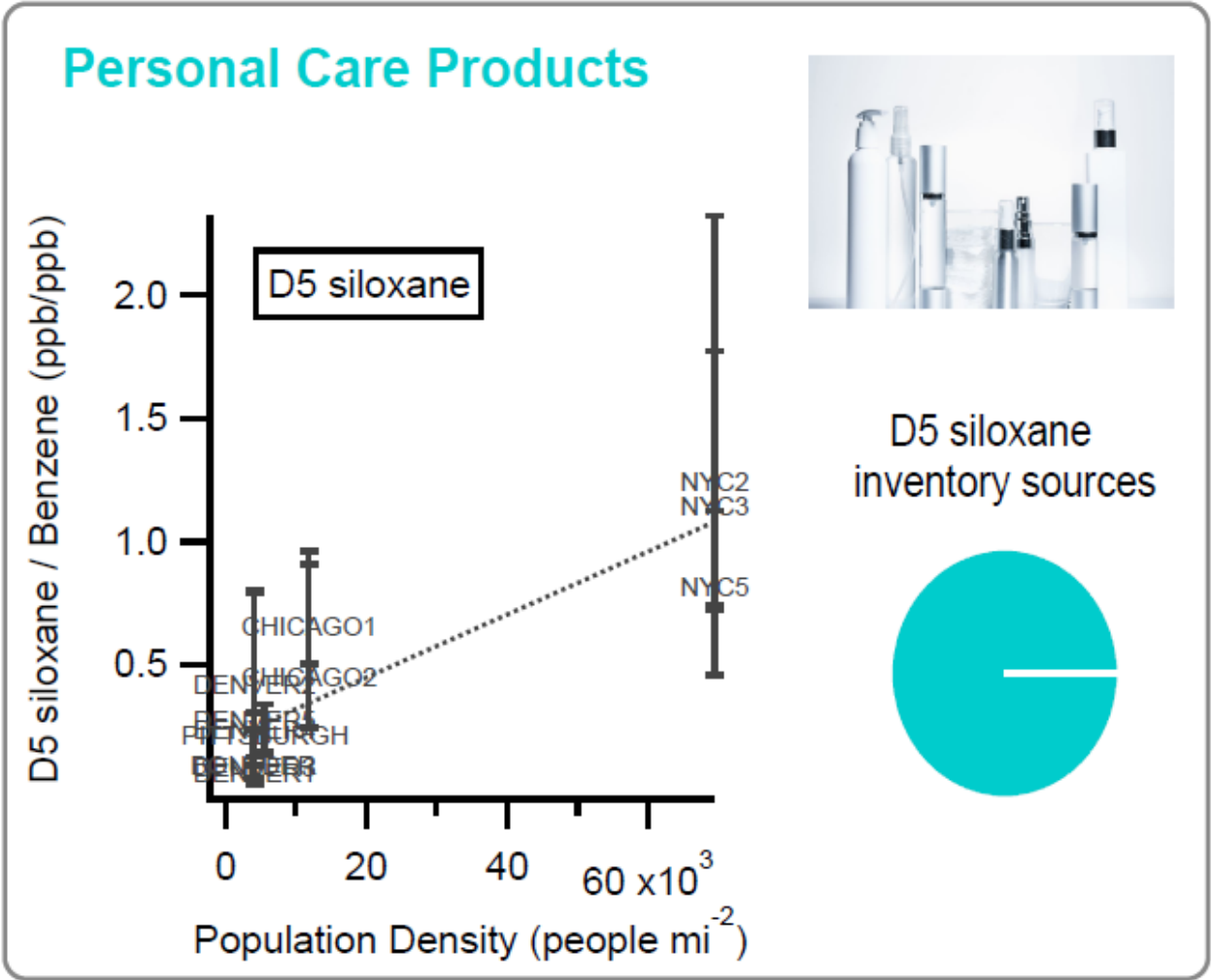


Experiment:

- (1) Flush car with ambient air
- (2) Measure car background
- (3) Measure co-worker sitting in car
- (4) Turn cabin fan



Personal Care Emissions Enhanced Relative to Traffic in Denser Cities

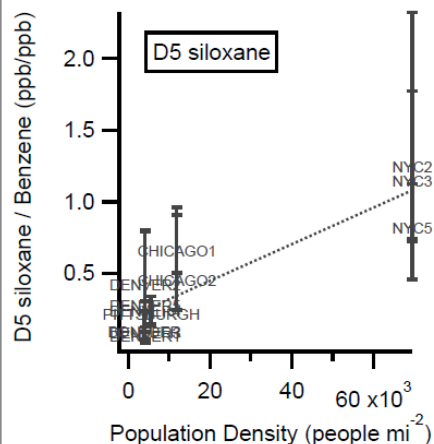


Georgios Gkatzelis
(NOAA)

Cites included: NYC, CHI, DEN, PIT

Potential Chemical Markers Identified for Other VCP Source Sectors

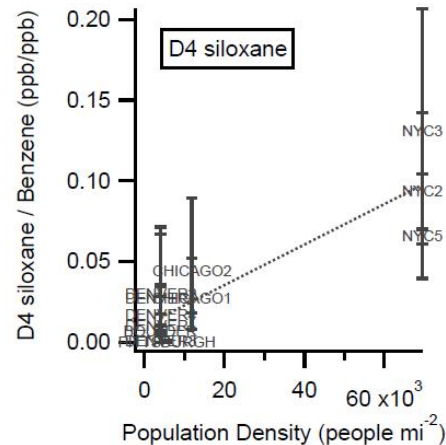
Personal Care Products



D5 siloxane inventory sources



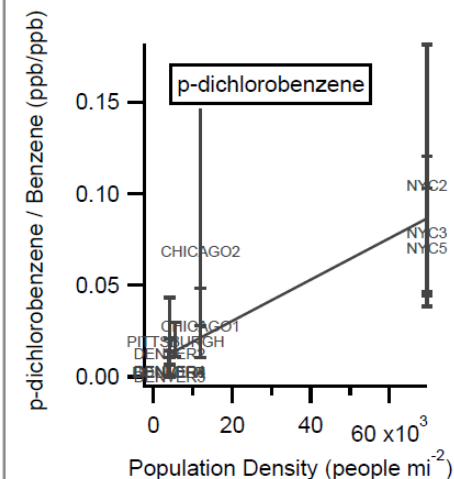
Adhesives



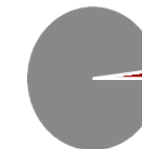
D4 siloxane inventory sources



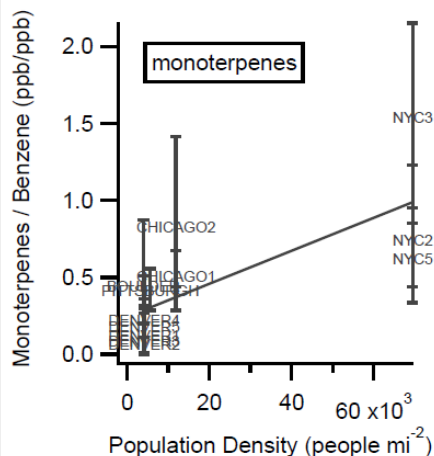
Insecticides



p-dichlorobenzene inventory sources



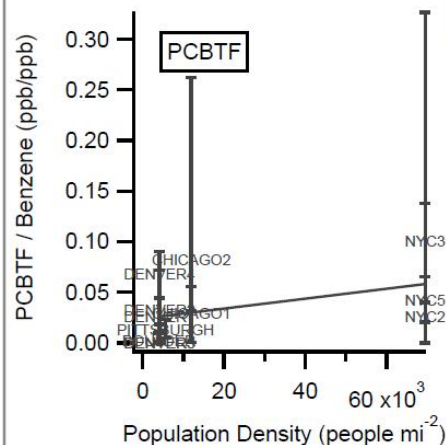
Fragrances



monoterpenes inventory sources



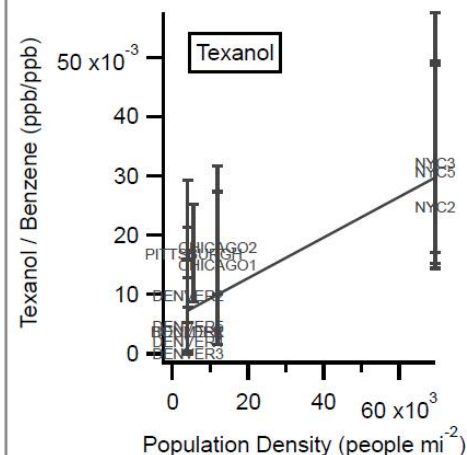
Solvent-Based Coatings



PCBTF inventory sources



Water-based Coatings



Texanol inventory sources



Summary of Chemical Tracers for Detecting VCPs

- (1) D5-Siloxane useful atmospheric marker of personal care product emissions
 - Peak found in morning, then decays exponentially across the day
 - D5-Siloxane/benzene ratio enhanced in denser cities
- (2) Identifying other potential tracers for VCP sectors

How Important are VCP Emissions in the Biggest US City?

Boulder, CO



Land Area = 64 km²

Population = 100,000

Commute time ~ 20 min

Manhattan, NY



Land Area = 59 km²

Population = 1,600,000

Commute time ~ 1.5 hr

NOAA Field Measurements in Winter/Summer of 2018

March 5 – 28, 2018

July 6 – 26, 2018



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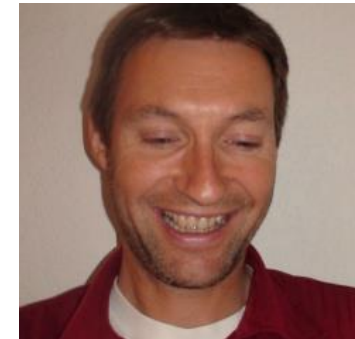
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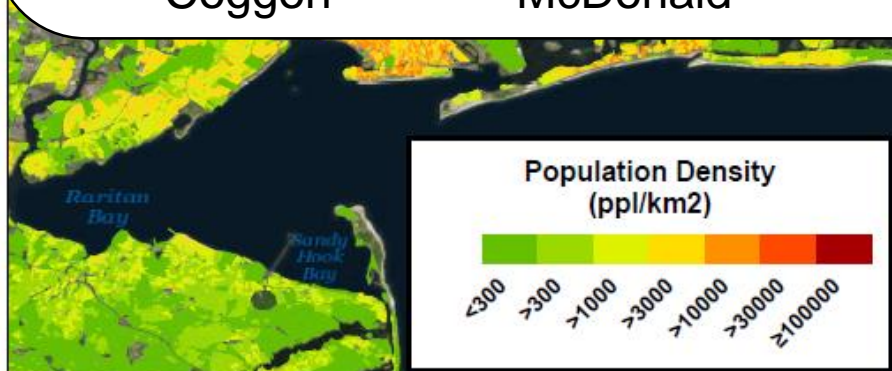
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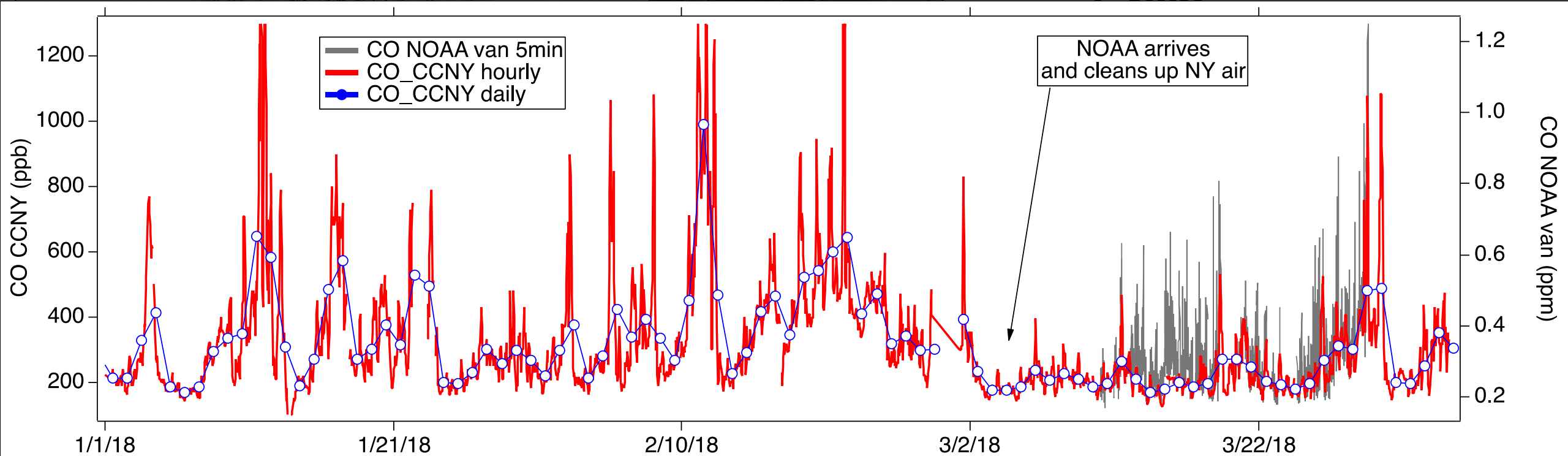
Deployed mobile van
with **PTR-ToF-MS**,
iWAS canisters, **CO**,
CO₂, **CH₄**, **N₂O**

Wintry Conditions = Lack of Biogenic Emissions of VOCs



METRO

Fourth nor'easter in 3 weeks



Four snow storms in four weeks

Yahoo News (3/21/18)

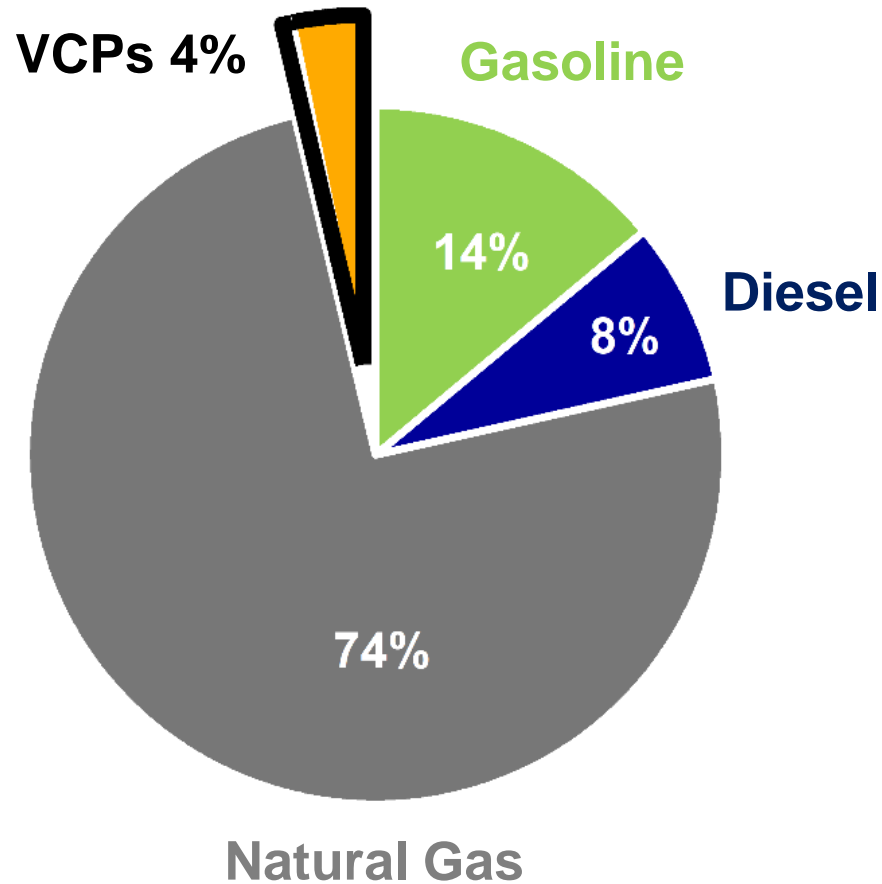


Methods to Quantify New York City VOC Emissions

- (1) Quantify “bottom-up” VOC emissions using inventory methods
 - Emissions = Activity * Emission Factor
- (2) Estimate VOC/CO emission ratios for individual VOC species
 - Controls for effects of atmospheric dilution on ambient concentration data
- (3) Compare inventory with ambient VOC/CO field data
 - Evaluate with ground site data at City College of New York

Quantifying Fossil Fuel and Chemical Product Use in NYC

Manhattan (Winter 2018)

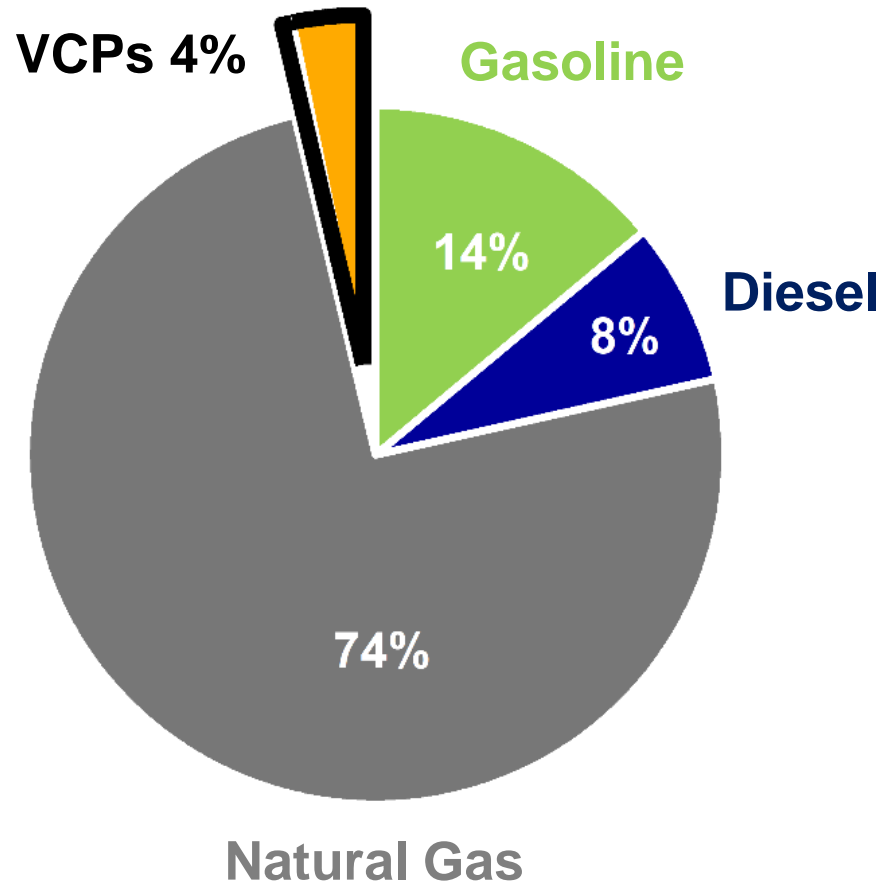


Product Use = 6.6 kg/person/d

- State-level **on-road gasoline** and **diesel** fuel sales allocated to NYC using traffic data [McDonald et al., *ES&T* 2018]
- State-level **off-road gasoline** and **diesel** fuel sales allocated to NYC by population [FHWA, EIA]
- State-level **natural gas** fuel sales by month allocated to NYC by population [EIA]
- Per capita **VCP** use allocated to NYC by population [McDonald et al., *Science* 2018]

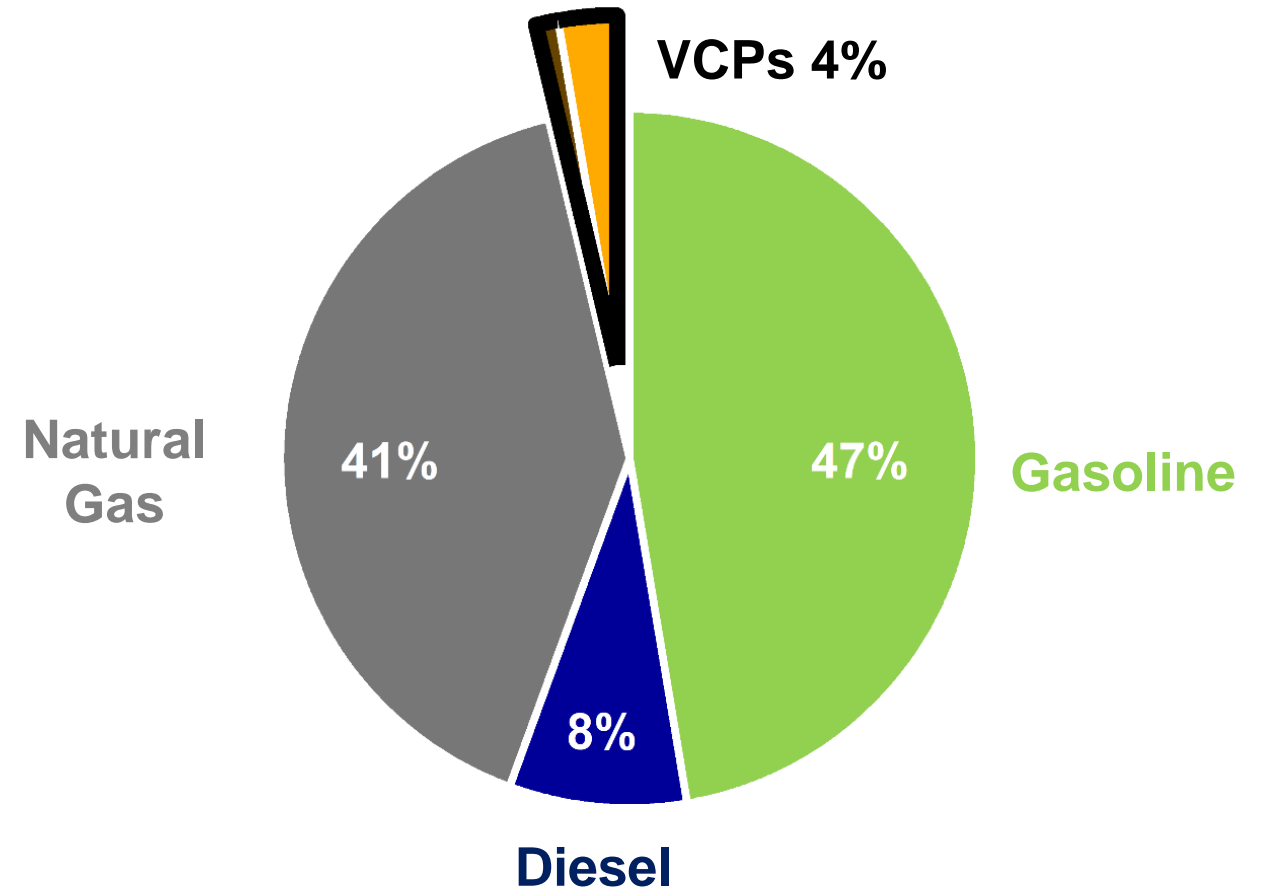
Petrochemical Use Data between NYC and Los Angeles

Manhattan (Winter 2018)



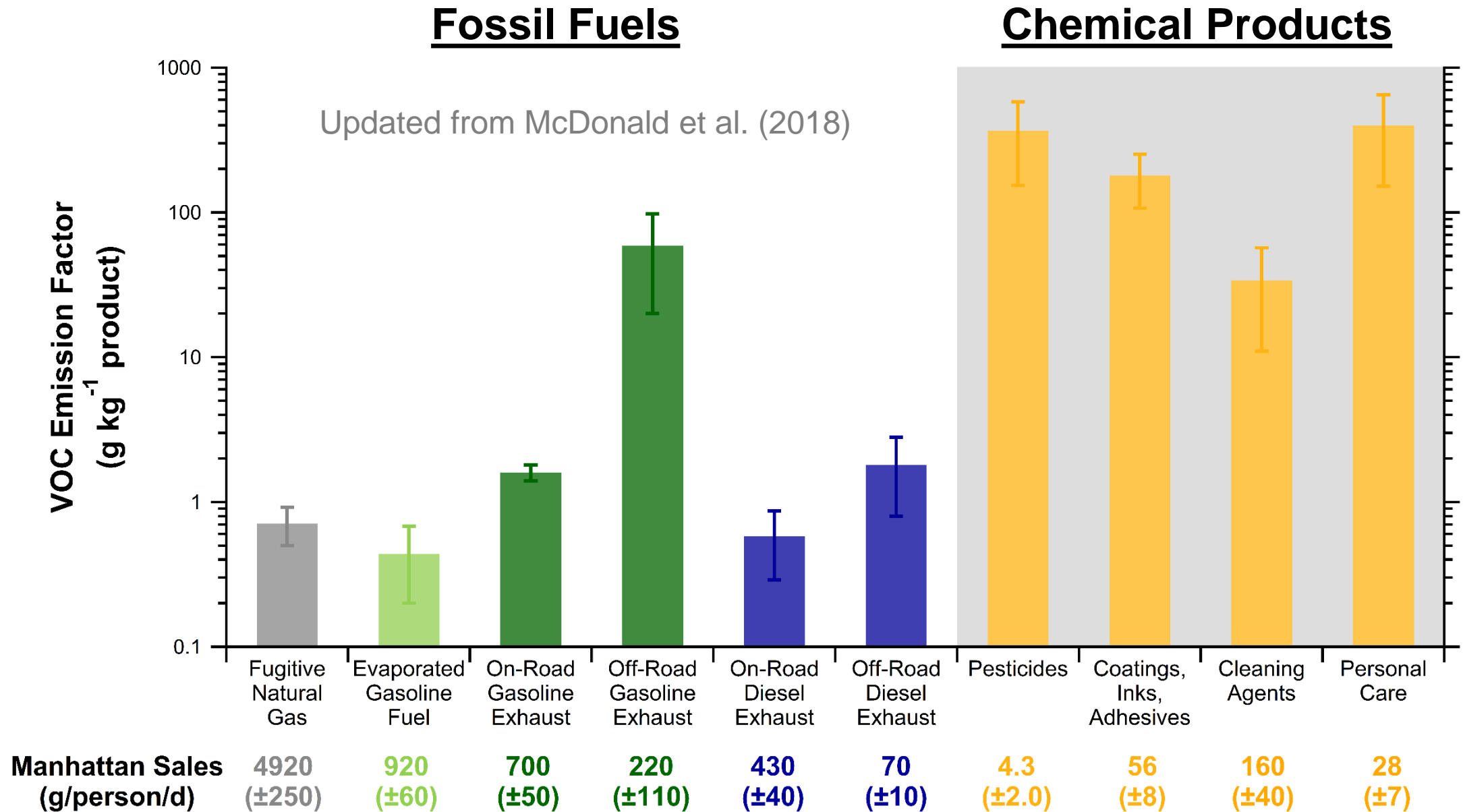
Product Use = 6.6 kg/person/d

Los Angeles (Summer 2010)



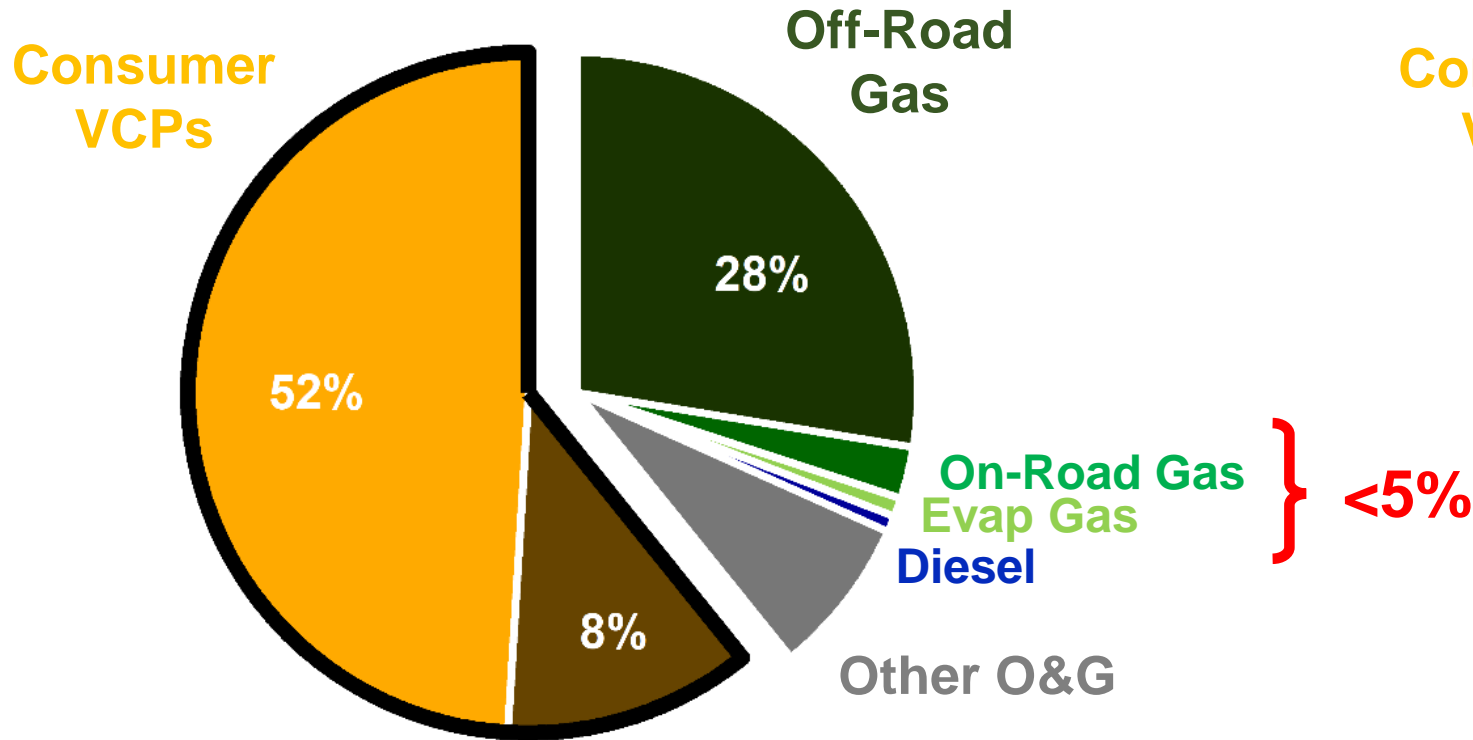
Product Use = 6.5 kg/person/d

Fossil Fuel vs. VCP VOC Emission Factors (NYC 2018)



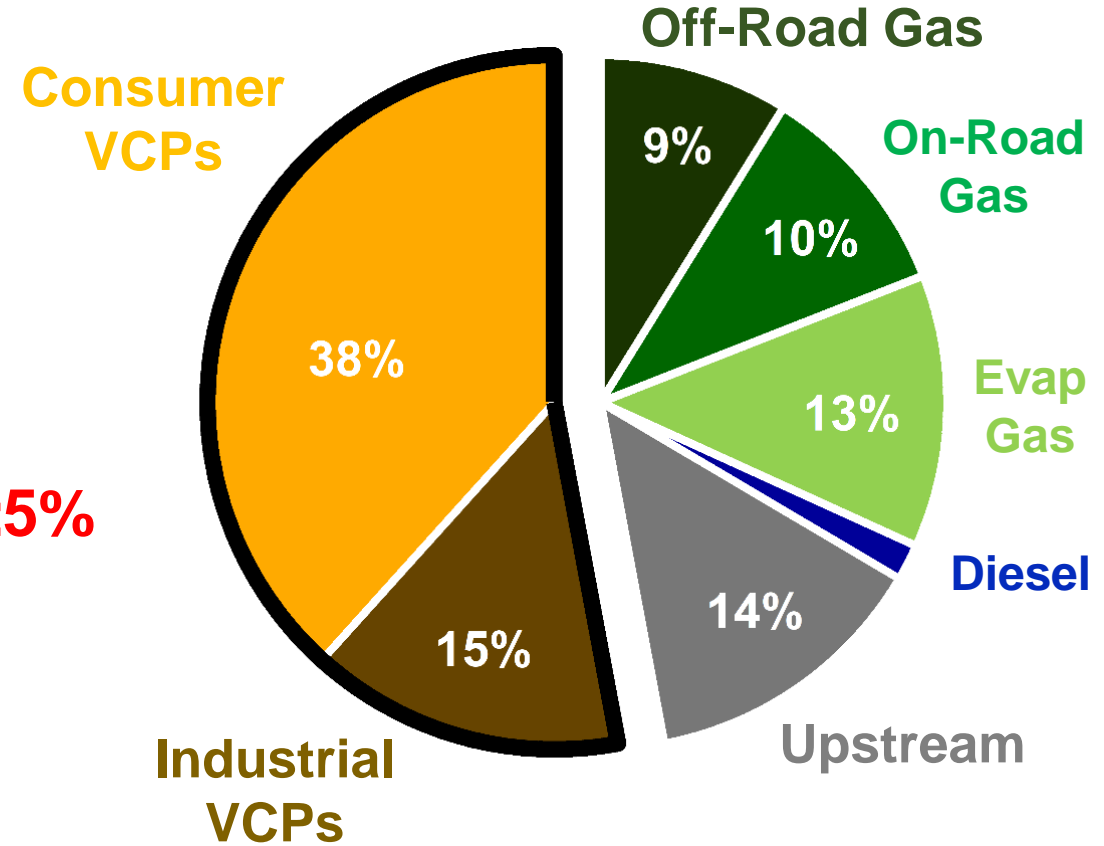
Distribution of Petrochemical VOC Emissions

Manhattan (Winter 2018)



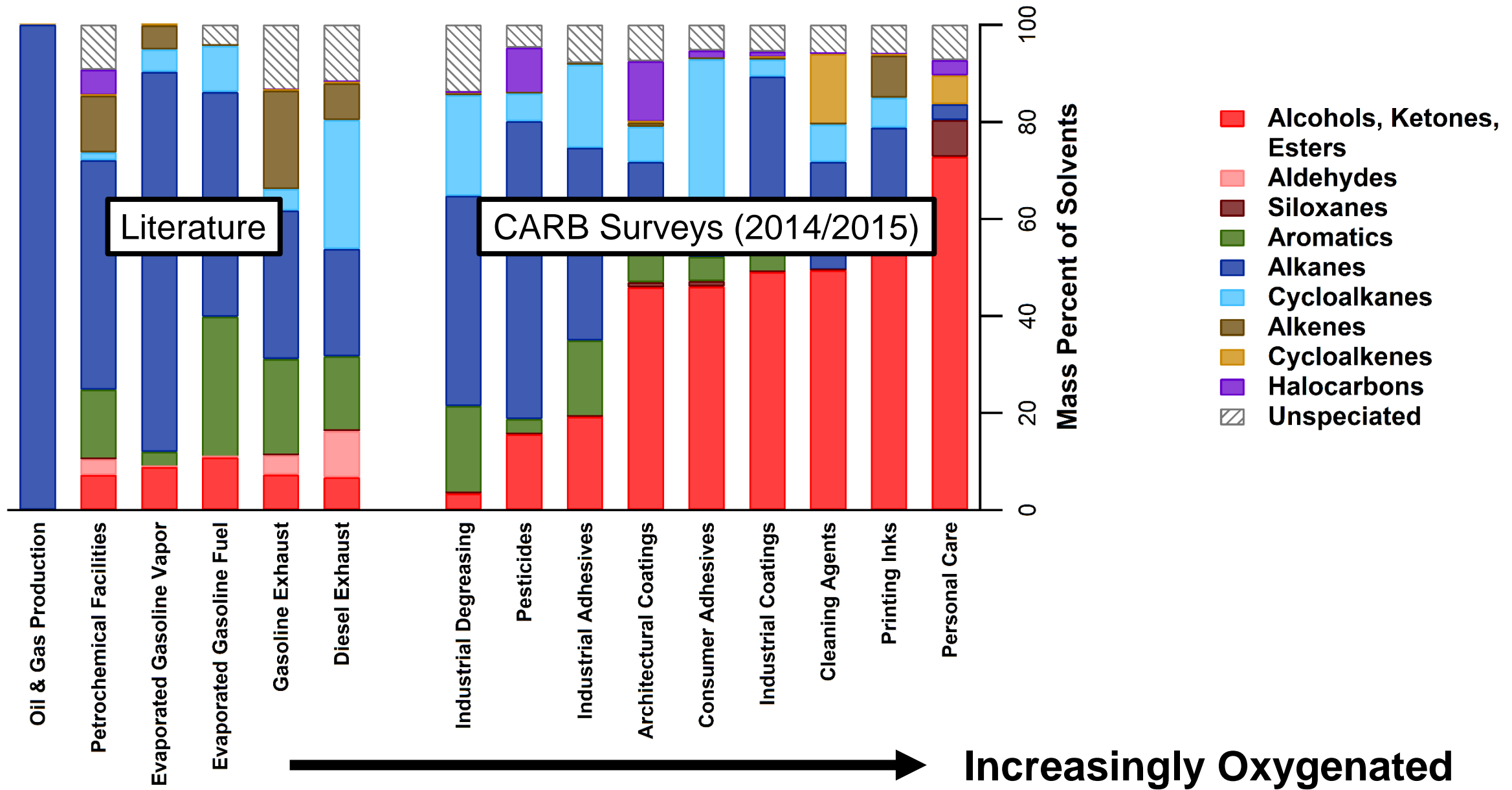
VOC Emissions = 46 ± 12 g/person/d

Los Angeles (Summer 2010)



VOC Emissions = 61 ± 9 g/person/d

VOC Speciation Profiles for Fossil Fuels and VCPs



Fuel-Based Inventory of Vehicle Emissions for estimating CO



WIND

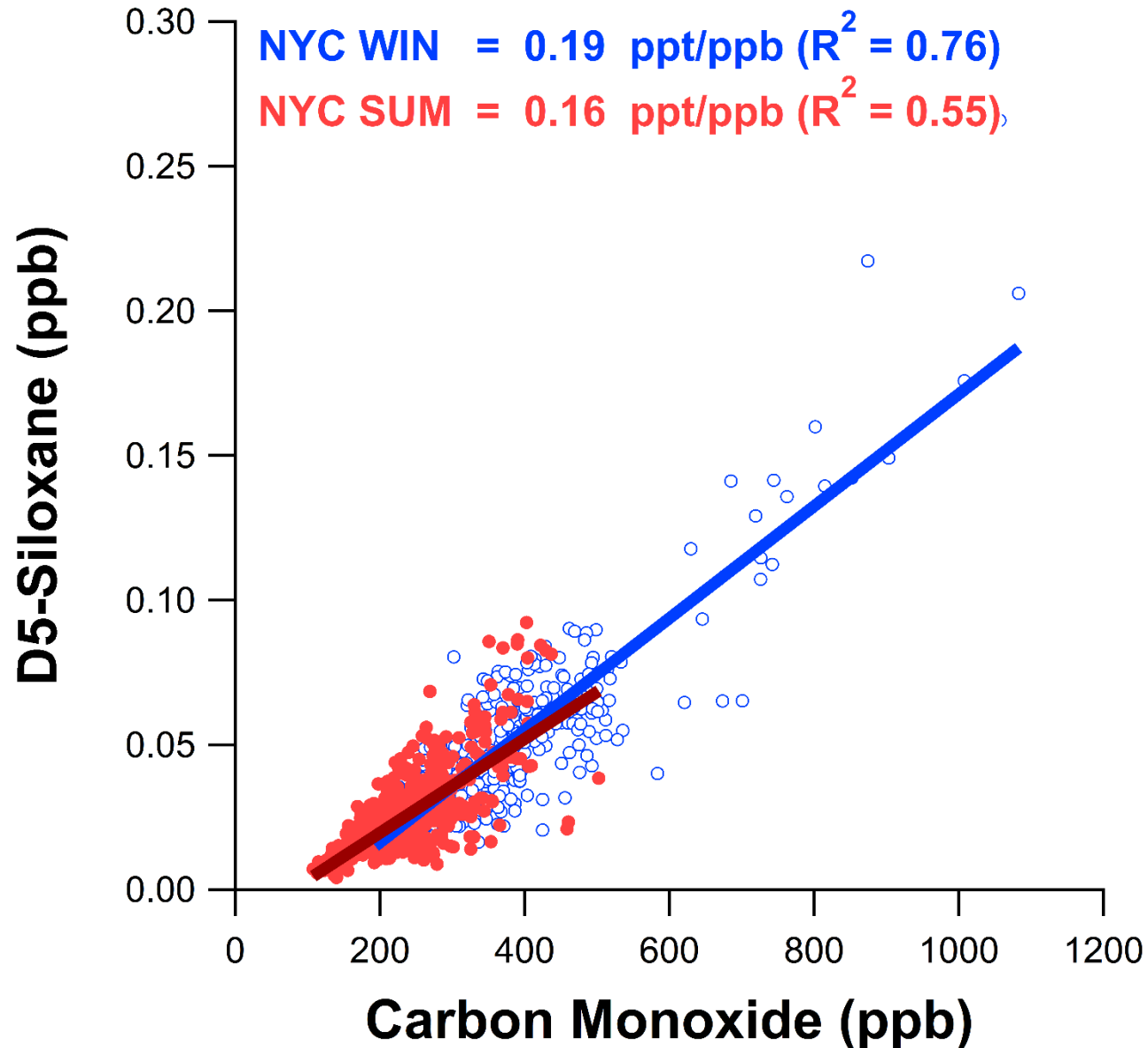
FIVE ~ 100 t CO h⁻¹
Obs ~ 63 t CO h⁻¹

FIVE ~ 130 t CO h⁻¹
Obs ~ 110 t CO h⁻¹

FIVE ~ 125 t CO h⁻¹
Obs ~ 130 t CO h⁻¹

See McDonald et al. (*ES&T* 2018) for FIVE
Mass balance from Jeff Peischl (NOAA)

Estimating a D5-Siloxane Emission Factor in New York City



New York City (Manhattan only)

CO Emissions = 240 ± 60 t/d

Population = 1.7 million

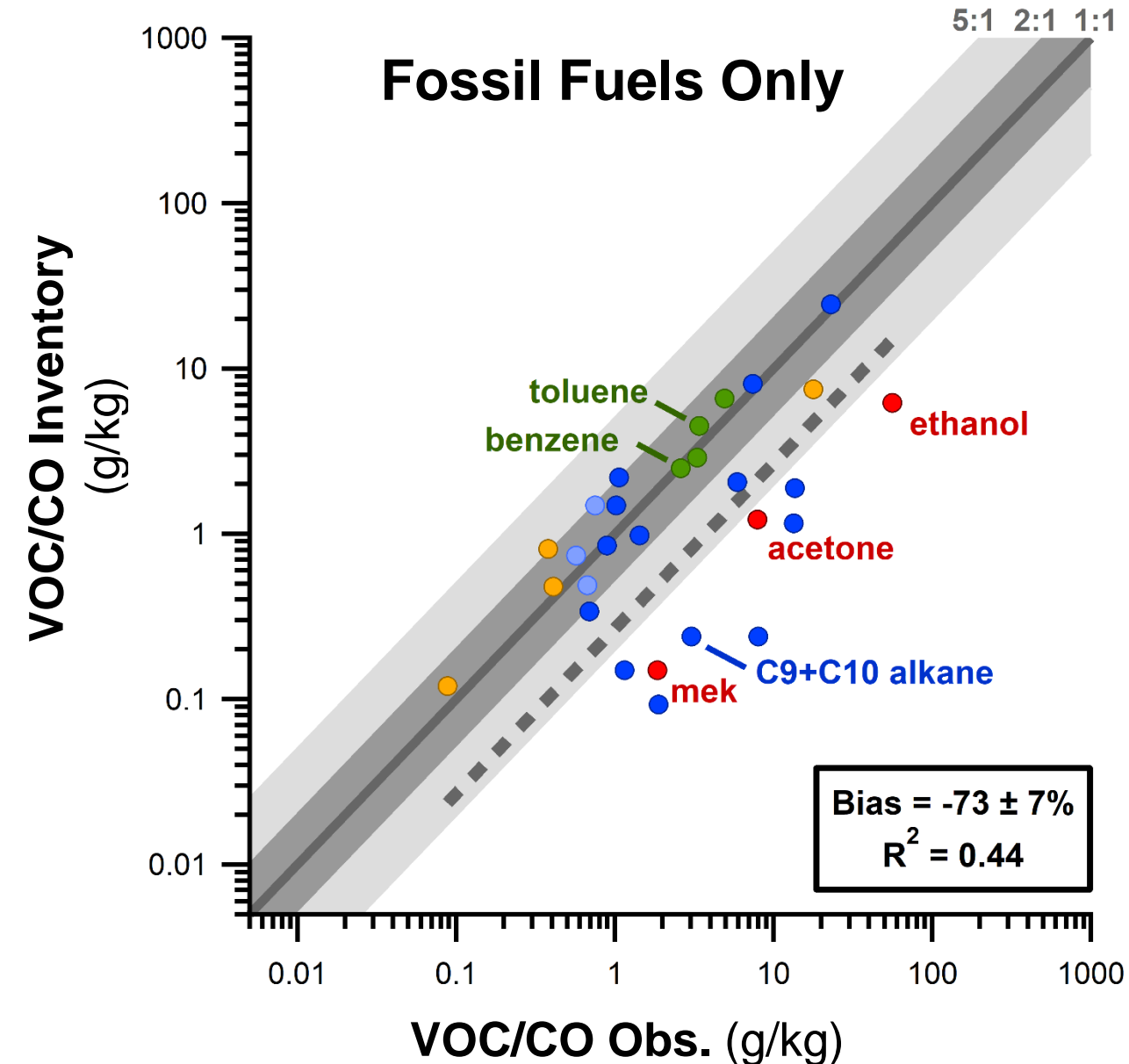
D5 EF (NYC) = 330 ± 100 mg/person/d

D5 EF (LA) = 390 ± 150 mg/person/d



McDonald et al. (*Science* 2018)

Fossil Fuels Alone Cannot Explain Ambient VOC Levels in Manhattan

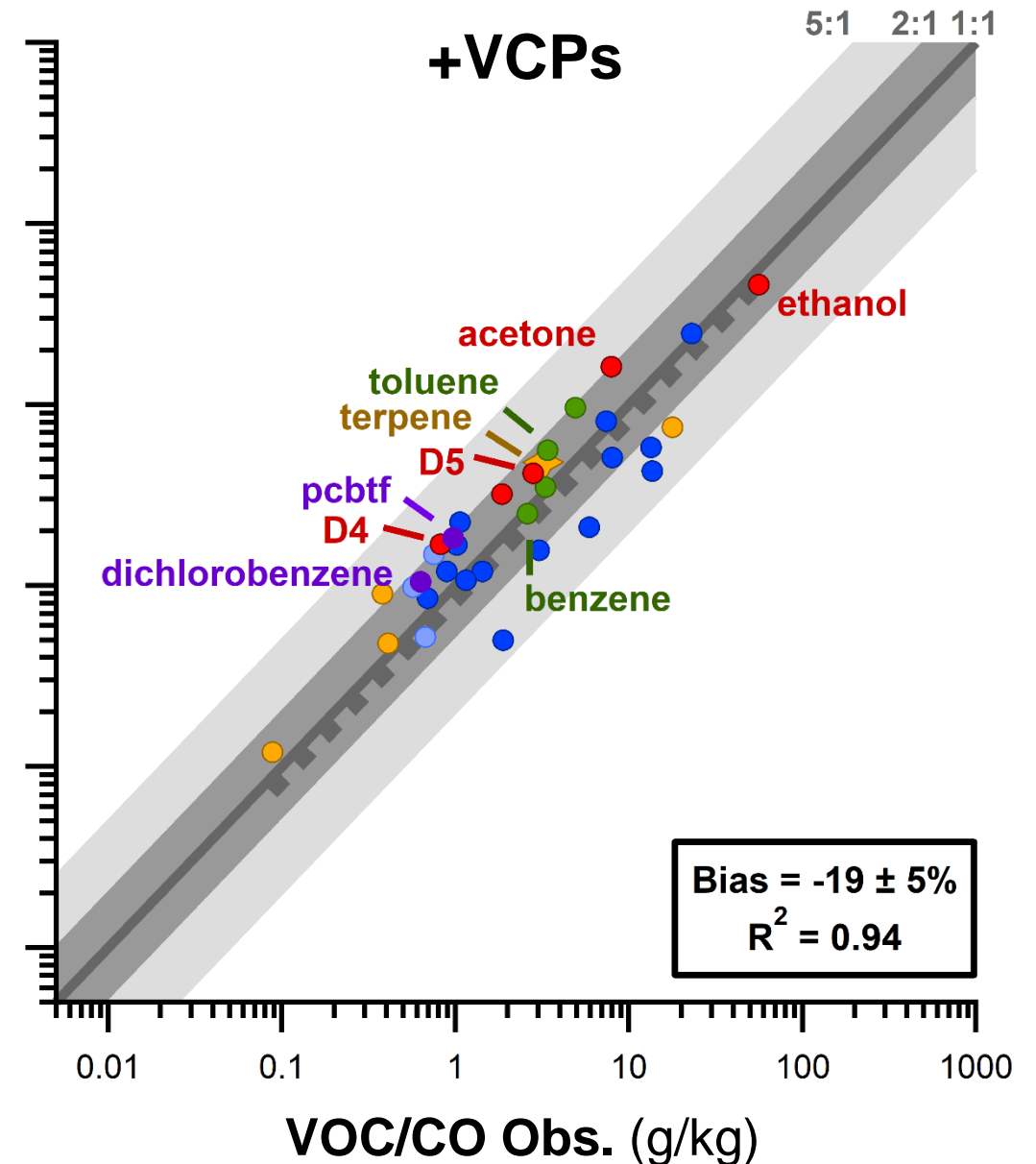
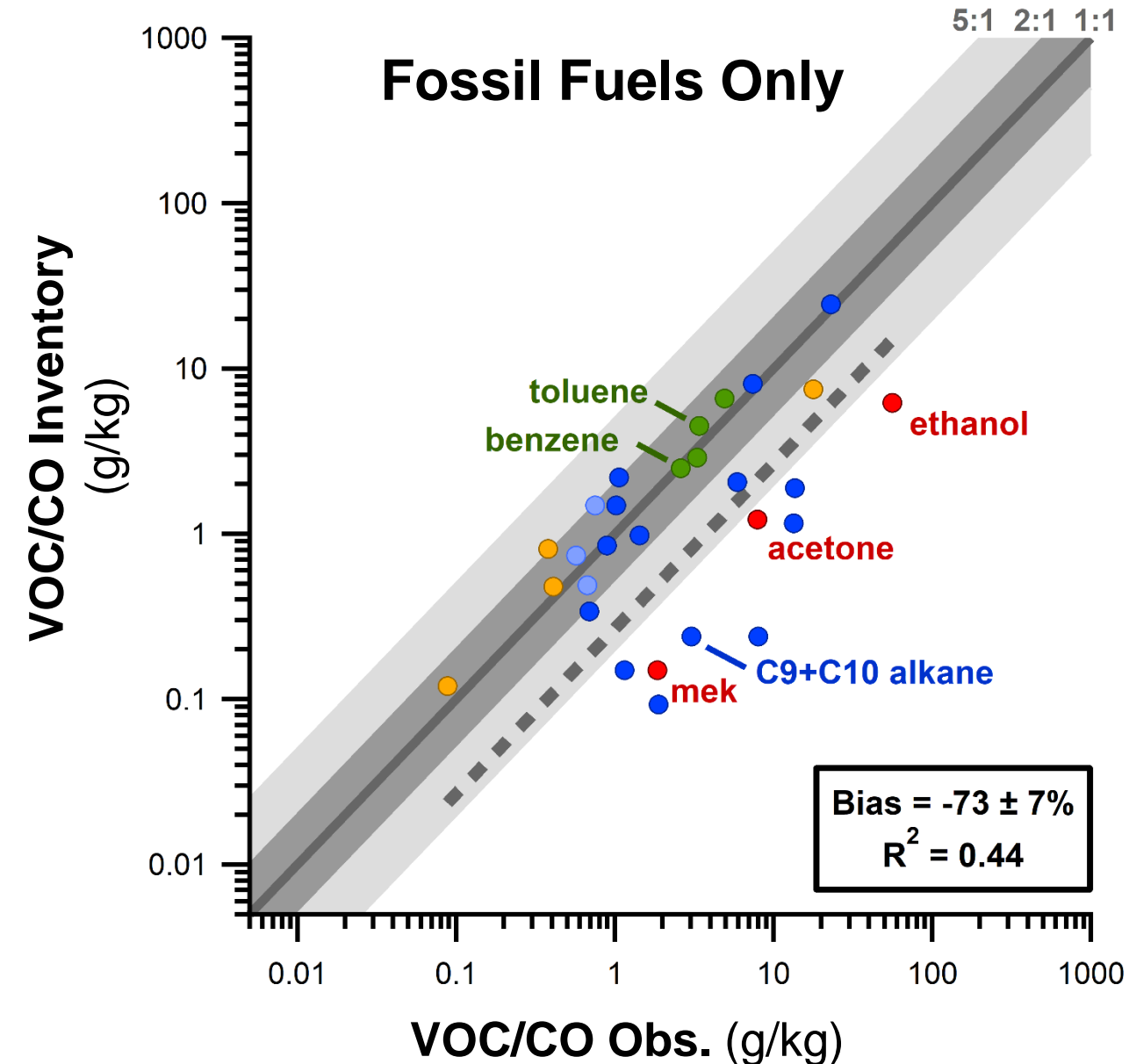


30+ VOCs measured by...

GC-MS analysis of iWAS canisters
(alkanes, cycloalkanes, alkenes, aromatics)

In-situ PTR-ToF-MS
(oxygenates, terpenes, select halocarbons)

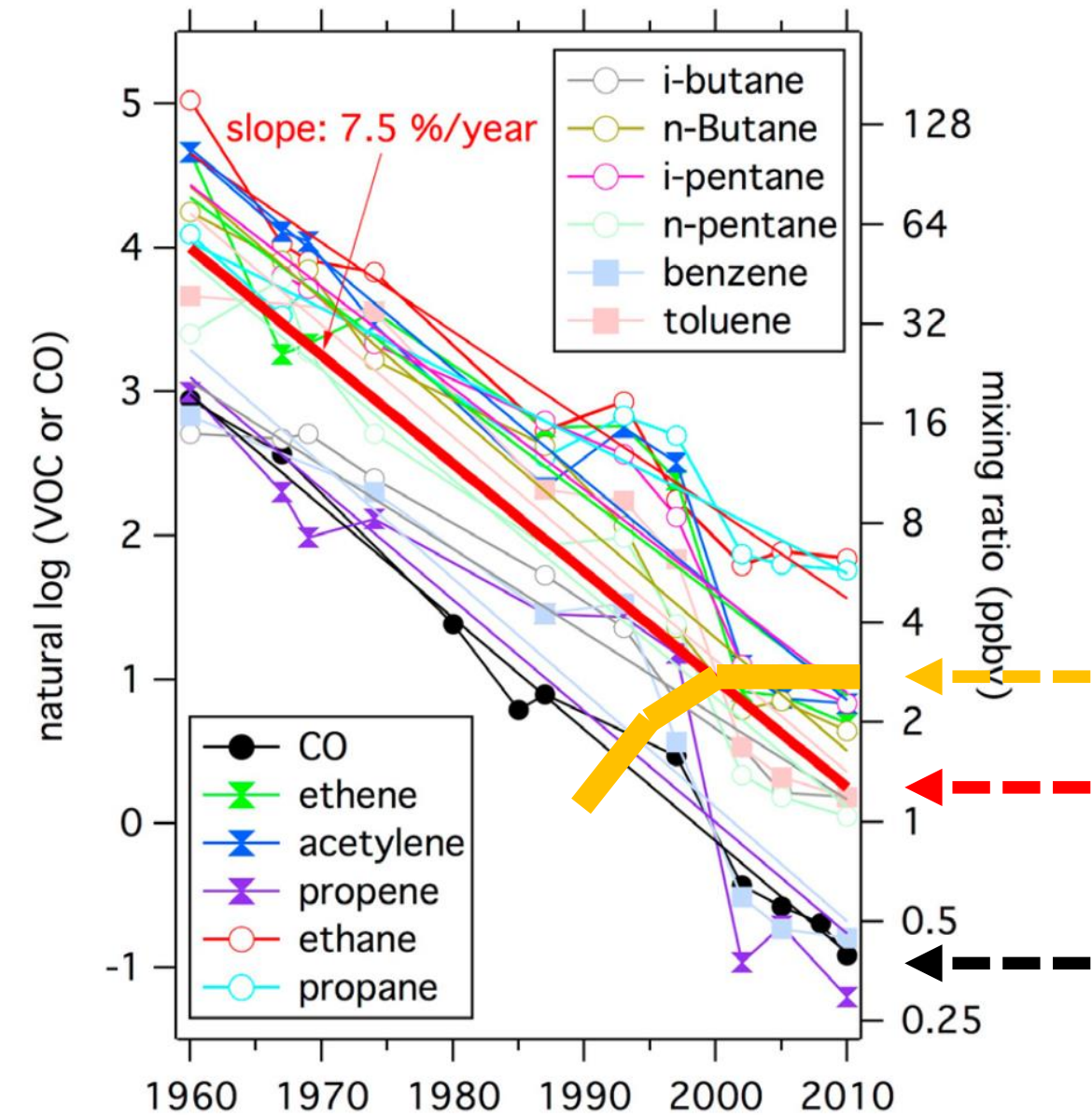
Need VCP Emissions to Explain Ambient VOC Levels in Manhattan



Summary of NYC VOC Field Measurements

- (1) Quantified petrochemical VOC emissions for NYC using same methodology as Los Angeles
 - VCPs account for **over half** of the petrochemical VOC emissions in NYC
- (2) Evaluated VOC inventory with ambient field measurements
 - VCP emissions needed to explain ambient levels of VOCs (**$R^2 \sim 0.94$**)
 - Can explain ambient levels of chemical tracers for VCPs

Identifying Atmospheric Constraints on Trends in VCP Emissions



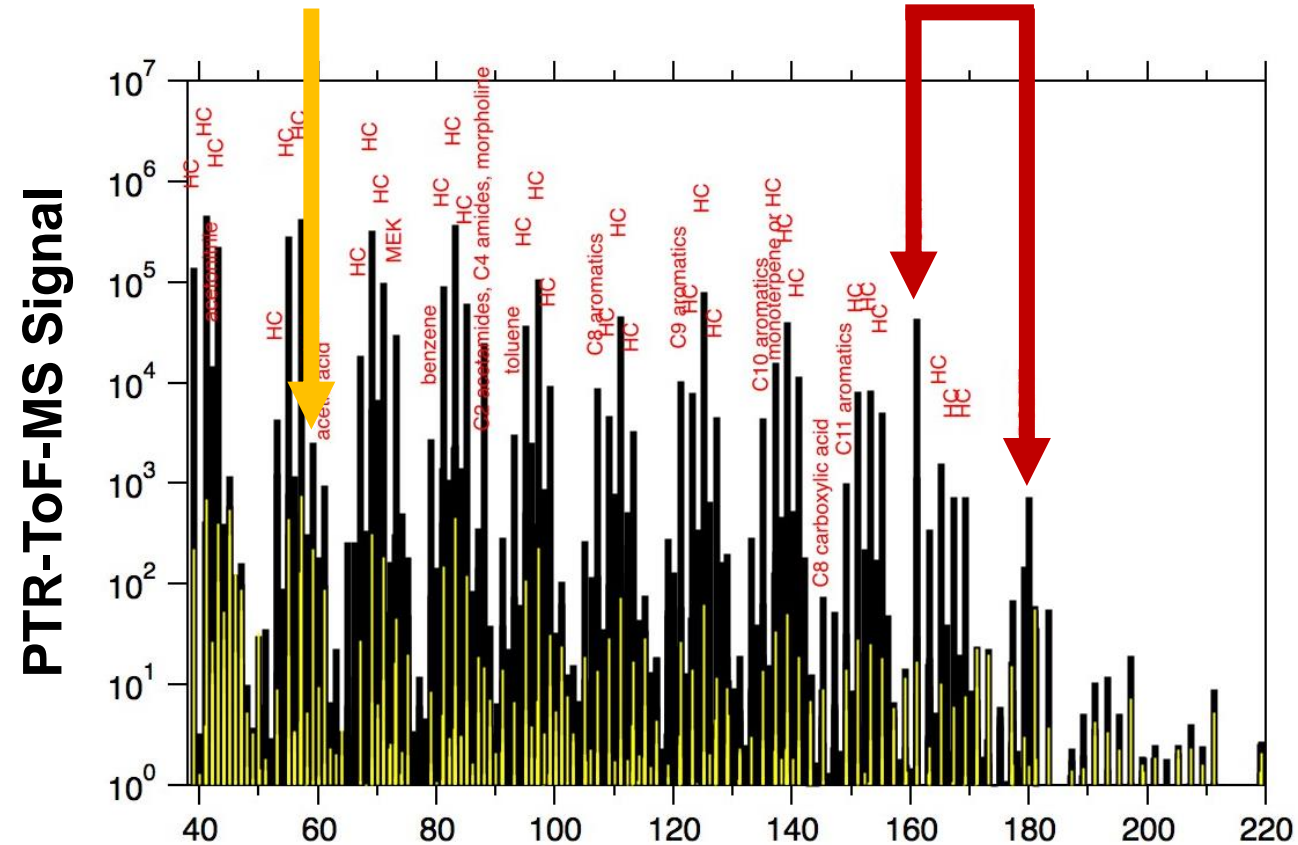
PTR-ToF-MS Mass Spectra of Various Coatings

Acetone
(most coatings)

Parachlorobenzotrifluoride
(solvent-borne tracer)

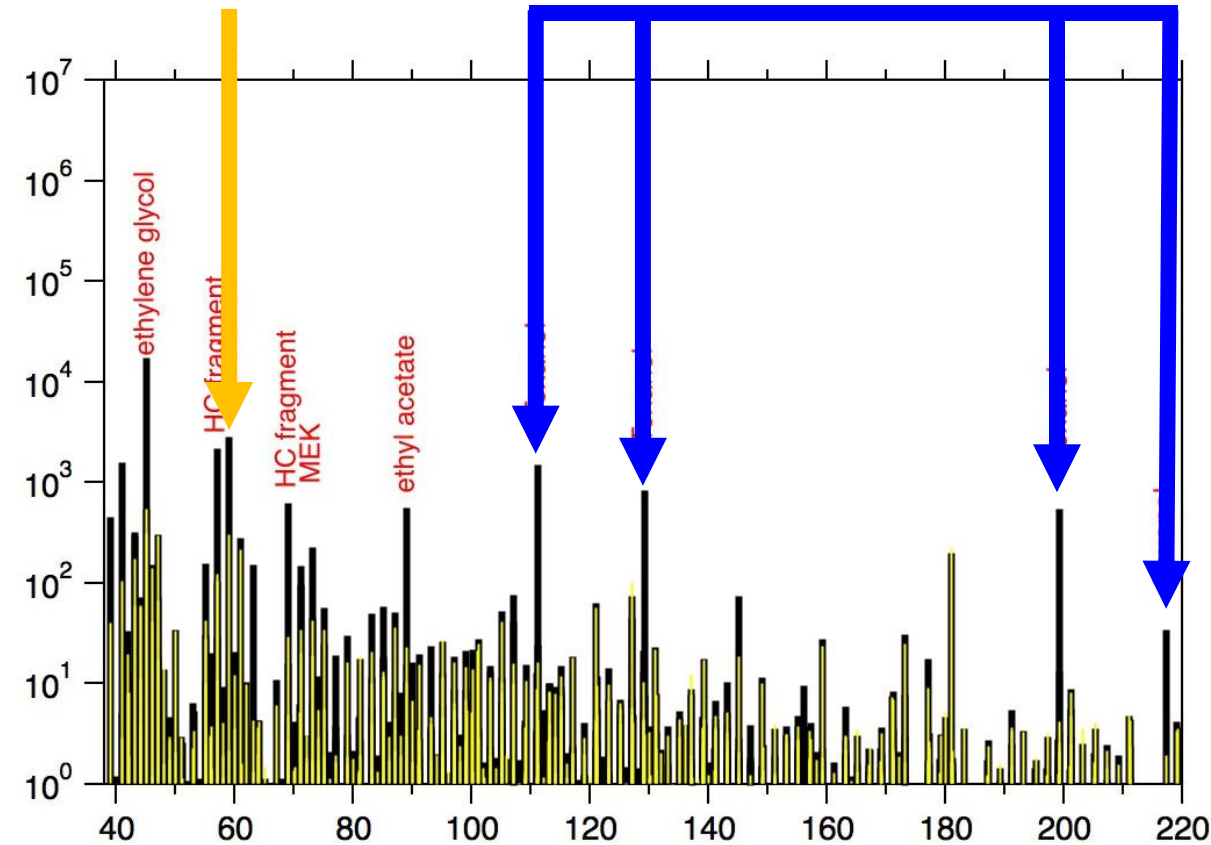
Acetone
(most coatings)

Texanol
(water-borne tracer)



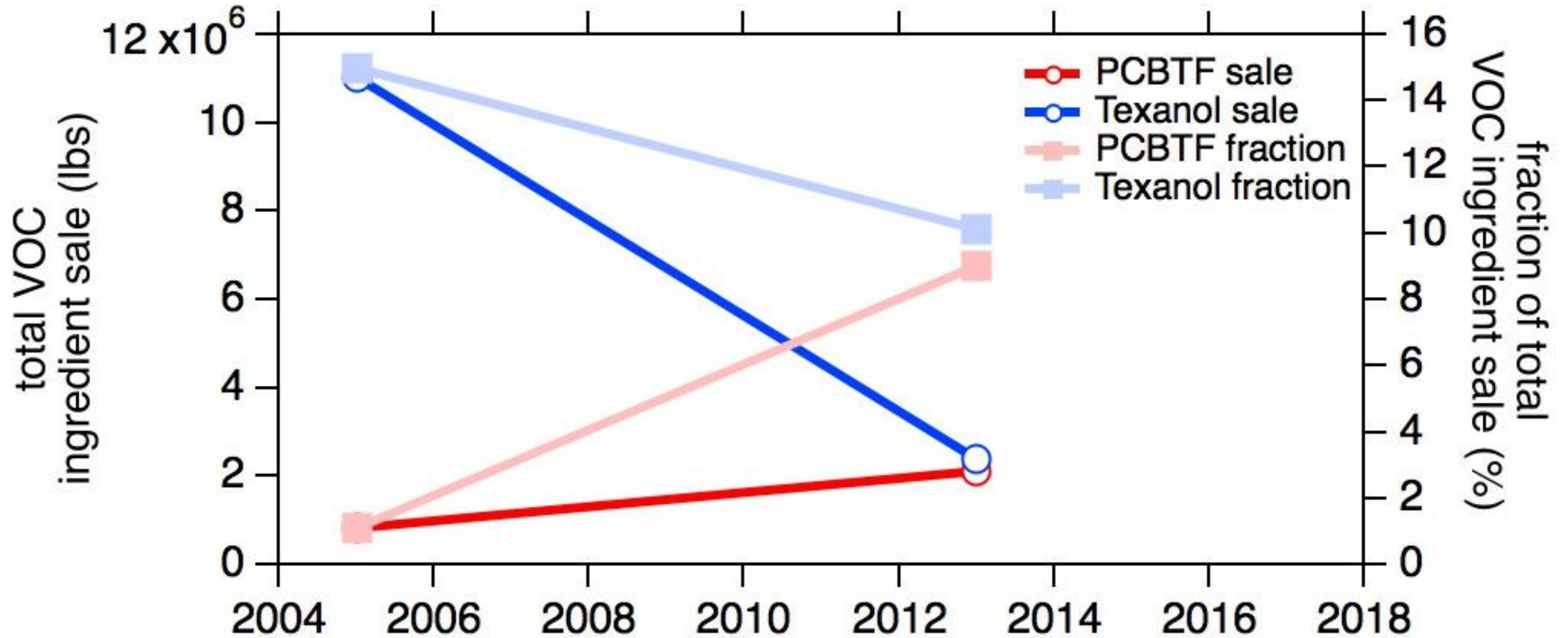
Solvent-borne Water Stain

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Low VOC Paint

Trends in Two Tracers for Coating-Related Products



Concluding Remarks

- (1) Ambient measurements in New York City and Los Angeles indicate that VCPs are ubiquitous and significant source of urban VOCs.
- (2) Measurements of VCP markers now possible with advancements in VOC instrumentation → improve confidence in emission inventories